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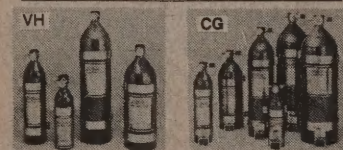
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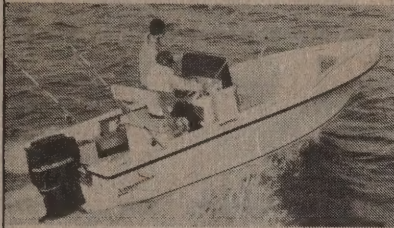
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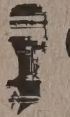
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INFORMATION UPDATE: STRIPED BASS MANAGEMENT

Participants in the Interstate Striped Bass Management Project (ISBMP), first met during April, 1978. Their mission was to develop a regional striped bass management plan for implementation by the states. Twelve states and various interests in and perceptions of this resource, were represented at that and subsequent meetings.

Despite diverse views on a number of related matters, the consensus was that this precious resource was in urgent need of management throughout its range. It was agreed that fishing pressure was excessive and must be reduced, and that fishing intensity is the only absolutely and immediately controllable factor with respect to striped bass abundance. That unregulated, the magnitude and efficiency of both the commercial and recreational fisheries may deplete the resource to levels from which recovery is slow or impossible. This led to establishment of the goals of perpetuating the resource in fishable abundance throughout its range, while concurrently reducing fishing mortalities to maintain a brood stock sufficient to sustain an adequate rate of recruitment and capable of producing a dominant year class should optimum conditions occur.

Considerable effort led to the issuance of a Draft-Management Plan in January, 1981. Following review and subsequent revisions a "Management Plan for the Striped Bass of the Atlantic Coast (Maine to North Carolina)," was adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in October, 1981.

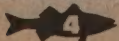
Last fall, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), unveiled its response to the ISBMP recommendations. The reaction of the resource user groups in coastal areas was not surprising. Net fishermen were opposed to the DEC proposals, but seemingly just mildly upset, while anglers expressed strong opposition and anger. Why the two groups reacted as they did is understandable. The netters realized that they would be giving up very little, while the anglers recognized that the proposals were inequitable and, MOST importantly, would fail to produce real benefits to the resource.

But public reaction, and perhaps peer pressure among the states and a developing enlightened attitude prompted the DEC to reconsider and come forth with proposals which are more indicative of a willingness to be a partner in the regional management effort. At the time that this article was written, it was understood that the DEC would be asking the legislature to consider one of two approaches to management. One would be by Order Authority. Under this proposal the DEC would have the power to establish regulations governing the striped bass fisheries until March 31, 1985.

There is much that can be said in favor of Order Authority. Presently, the legislative process is required to effect management, and this is cumbersome, time-consuming and less likely to be responsive to resource needs. On the other hand, regulatory power is flexible, thus permitting timely responses to new scientific findings and/or changes in the status of the resource. But, if legislators are ready to grant regulatory power to the DEC, it appears that many resource users are not. Aside from those not in touch with reality and/or blindly resistant to change, there are a substantial number of fishermen who simply mistrust the DEC.

A lengthy discourse on why this is so would serve little purpose. Let it suffice to say that the traditional DEC attitude and policies toward marine finfish management and marine district needs, has alienated generations of resource users. While the need to manage the striped bass, now and forevermore, is very real and very urgent, transcending all related concerns, it is unlikely that prevailing attitudes towards the DEC are about to change. Thus, it would seem that regulatory power is a good idea, but one which for the moment should be placed on the back burner.

The other approach would be to implement the following package of specific DEC proposed measures, by legislative enactment: **Minimum Size**—18" total length, statewide, all users; **Closed Season**—all users, in marine waters south of the George Washington Bridge from December 1 to April 30, and in the Hudson River north of the George Washington Bridge from December 1 to March 15; **Possession**—no possession of striped bass during closed season and no possession of striped bass less than 18" at any time; **Spawning Area Closure**—prohibit use of gill nets, except drift gill nets, in the Hudson River between Bear Mountain Bridge and the Beacon-Newburgh Bridge from March 15 through June 15; **Mesh Size Restriction**—gill nets with stretched mesh size greater than 3½" and less than 5" prohibited in the Hudson River between the George Washington Bridge and the Federal Dam at Troy from March 15 through June 15; **License**—all persons who sell or offer striped bass for initial sale at a fee not to exceed \$100; and, **Limited Entry/Harvest Quota**—by March 15, 1983, the



DEC must adopt rules and regulations for limiting entry to the commercial striped bass fishery in the Hudson River. This may include a harvest quota and a system for allocation among licensees with the Hudson River.

These measures will not please everyone. With minor exceptions they are inconsistent with the ISBMP recommendations, and none are likely to have a significant beneficial impact upon the resource. However, collectively they are by no means worthless, they are a step forward...a beginning, and from an historical standpoint, very significant. Remember that heretofore the only effort which New York directed towards striped bass management in coastal waters occurred in 1939 and, subsequently, the DEC flatly opposed efforts to reduce excessive fishing pressure.

New York is a "key" state in the regional management effort. Not only is it a major harvester, but also a producer of striped bass with the Hudson River's contribution to coastal stocks being second in importance to that originating from the Chesapeake Bay complex.

The ISBMP recommended that a 24" minimum size be established in coastal waters. This was not a random choice, but rather based on biologically sound arguments, and this size restriction or one very close to it should be a part of the DEC management proposal for marine waters. Unfortunately, unlike many of its sister states, New York tolerates the use of non-selective harvesting methods in near shore waters. This "no holds barred" situation prevents the implementation of a biologically sound, uniform coastwide size limit. Presently, New York's priority remains focused on continuance of certain fishing methods, even though they translate into unwise management, and despite the decline in the total coastal stock.

The problem of increasing size limits is not confined to New York. The KEY state of Maryland has a similar situation within the Chesapeake Bay, though their problem relates more to the size of the fish normally available for harvest, rather than non-selective gear. The ISBMP recognized that circumstances within some states would interfere with adherence to certain recommendations, when it stated that, "It must be recognized that each state's social and political climate and fisheries differ and that each state will act within their constraints to adopt the recommended management measures." This allowed flexibility or, depending on one's viewpoint, somewhat of an out for those states wherein pressure from one or more self-interest groups prevents implementation of recommended measures. That some states are pressured into addressing present and future resource needs as secondary considerations is a tragic circumstance; nevertheless, it is a reality which the ISBMP wisely chose not to ignore.

However, the ISBMP also noted that, "Failure to act by one or more states...will be clearly disruptive to the theme of cooperative coastwide management of the striped bass resource." This is an important point in that no action by one or more states would reduce or eliminate the beneficial impacts occurring elsewhere. Also, inaction by one or more states could lead to a breakdown of the entire management effort.

Though one may hold to the view that the DEC proposals are not enough, it must be borne in mind that they have opted for action rather than inaction. Some states have a rough road to travel, thus change is destined to be slow and likely to occur at a rate commensurate with changes in the status of the fishery and resultant pressure from the user sector and other states.

There are people actively campaigning to effect changes in the DEC proposals. Those whose efforts are targeted towards weakening and ultimately destroying needed management should carefully consider their actions. The ISBMP is a multi-state effort, and the recipient of input from a vast number of people, including continuous input from scores of extremely knowledgeable and talented members of the scientific community. As already stated, those taking part in the ISBMP concluded that the need to manage this resource is both REAL and URGENT.

Because of disastrously poor year class production within Maryland's rivers for the past three years, one can be certain that the decline in the coastal stock will continue at least through 1985. If effective steps to manage this resource are not instituted or are delayed and there is no substantial improvement in the rate of recruitment, those whose fishing success is dependent upon stocks originating from areas to the south will find that their fishery has faded away, and in that event, there will be very few striped bass fishermen of any kind.

To those who may attempt to strengthen the DEC bill, be cautious—do nothing which would jeopardize the chance for management being put in place this year.

To all who hold this resource in high esteem and who look to the future from a broad, rather than a narrow standpoint—the DEC management package is deserving of your vigorous support and any attempt to undermine or weaken any one of those measures is equally deserving of your opposition.

Settle for nothing less than the DEC management package described herein. Look for further updates, as they develop, in future issues of LIF.

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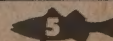
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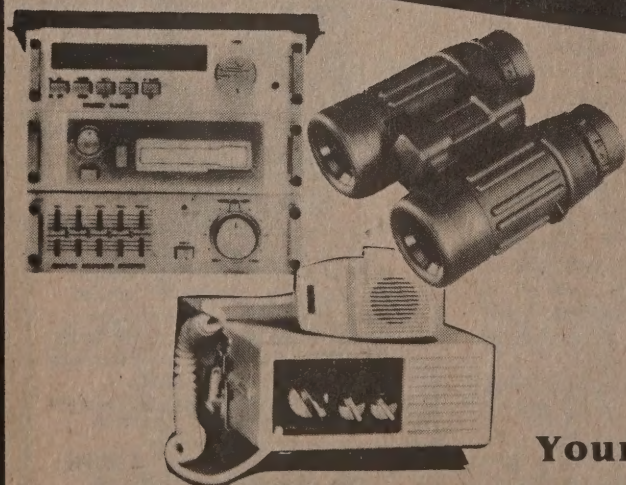
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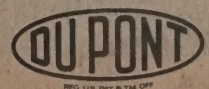


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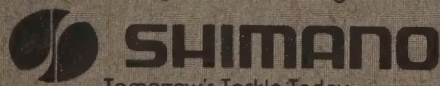
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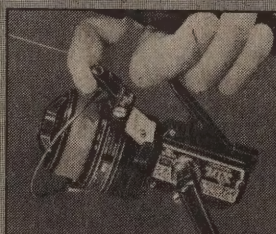
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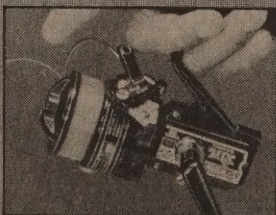
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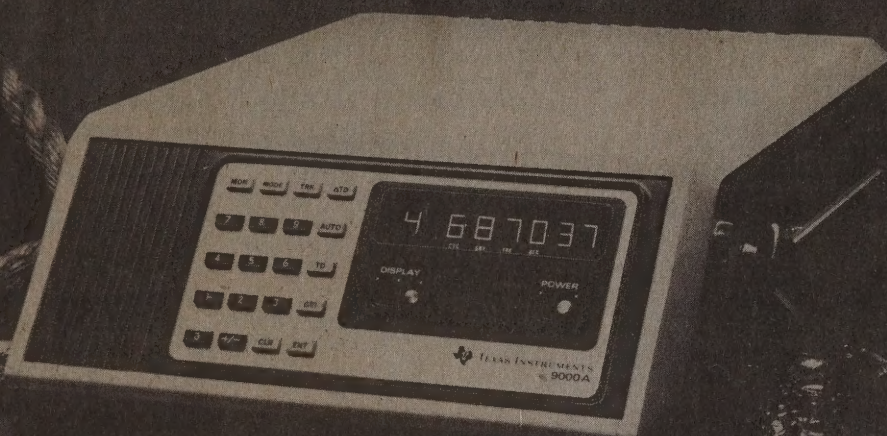
The East Rockaway Anglers recently held their annual dinner dance at the Bounty Inn in Hewlett. Welcomed at the dinner were the following newly appointed officers for 1982:

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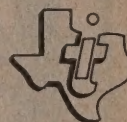
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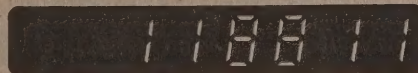
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ORPHANS GOING FISHING!

Chairman Al Lorenzo has designated Monday, May 3rd, as Orphans Fishing Day, which is sponsored by the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County, at mackerel time every year. Co-Chairman Barney Bosson has chartered Captain Baletti's "Palace" out of Hoboken, New Jersey, and will fish for mackerel on Long Island Sound.

The kids will be treated to a trip around the Battery and up the East River giving them a scenic boat ride.

Eighty or more children from 4 orphanages will be our guests. Club members will pick up the children at their homes and return them with their fish after the day's fishing.

The menu includes juice, eggs, rolls and milk for breakfast; hamburgers, hot dogs, chocolate milk, soda and ice cream for lunch.

The fishing tackle is furnished by the Club and 15 fishing teachers will be on board to assist the kids in their fishing.

Anybody interested in joining our fishing club and helping in this charitable project, please call Al Lorenzo, 796-6572 or John Toth, 569-3218.

BOB POND ON STRIPERS AT S.W.A. MEETING

Bob Pond, President of the Atom Fishing Lure Co. in South Attleboro, Mass., and Executive Board member of Stripers Unlimited will be at our meeting on April 27th to talk about

the frightening striped bass problem and conditions that are developing to the detriment of all fishermen.

Bob will advise how we can help keep the striped bass population from disappearing so that we can enjoy this wonderful fighting fish.

The public is urged to attend and hear what's to be done.

The meeting will start with a movie, at 8PM on Tuesday, April 27th, at our meeting hall at the American Legion Post #170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Anyone interested in joining our fishing club, please call John Toth at 569-3218 or Al Lorenzo at 796-6572.

MONTAUK SURFCASTERS ASSOC. MEETING, SAT., MAY 1ST

The Montauk Surfcasters will be holding their first general membership meeting of the year on Saturday, May 1, 1982 in the Chamber of Commerce Building in Montauk. The meeting will get under way at 11AM. Other meetings are scheduled for the first Saturday of the month during June, October and November.

VALLEY STREAM YOUNGSTER NEEDS HELP

The parents of Brian Ottochian, an 8-year-old with leukemia, are counting on a rare bone-marrow transplant operation next month at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore to save his life.

Dennis and Sally Ottochian of 157 Roosevelt Ave. also are hoping to raise \$200,000 to pay for the relatively new form of leukemia therapy available only at Johns Hopkins.

"We're all praying that Brian will survive this ordeal and that we can somehow raise the money to pay for the operation." Mrs. Ottochian, whose husband works as a warehouseman at Kennedy International Airport, said. She described Brian,

who is taught by a tutor because he is susceptible to germs that he might contact in a classroom, as "a good boy who prays every night that things will work out."

The couple has one other son, Eric, 7, who helps his parents care for Brian, Mrs. Ottochian said.

Dr. Robert Festa, a pediatric specialist at Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center in New Hyde Park, said Brian, who was diagnosed as having the disease in 1978, has a 50-50 chance of survival if he receives the autologous bone-marrow transplant shortly.

He and other physicians said the operation involves removing the patient's bone marrow and treating it with special drugs to kill any cancerous cells. Brian also would be treated with heavy doses of chemotherapy and radiation, and his treated bone marrow then would be reinfused into his body.

Mrs. Ottochian said insurance and some help from the National Leukemia Foundation will pay a small portion of the hospital costs, but the balance must be raised privately.

Donations may be made to the Brian Ottochian Fund, 157 Roosevelt Ave., Valley Stream, Long Island 11581.

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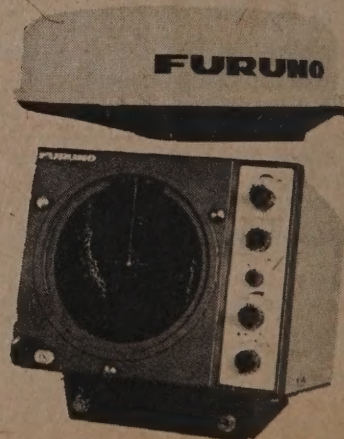
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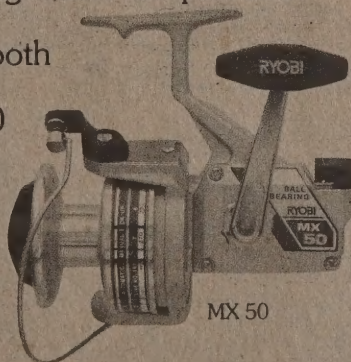
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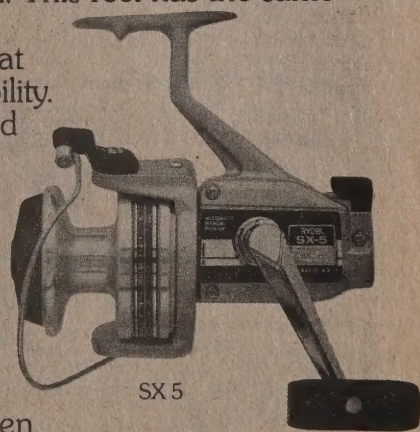
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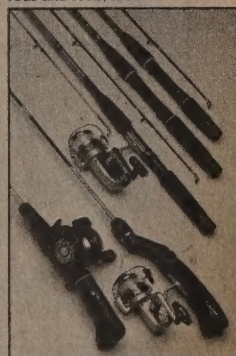
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Two articles examine the fly fishing opportunities with small flies: *Rod and Reel* magazine editor John Merwin, in "Methods for Mini Flies," and Tom Wendelburg in "Midges: Tiny Dynamite for Trout," describe what anglers should know to fish #18 and smaller flies.

Bob Stearns helps anglers plan a Florida saltwater fly fishing trip, while Joe Reynolds describes fly fishing techniques for pulling bass out of hard-to-reach places.

The Scientific Anglers Fly Fishing Handbook also includes articles on trout feeding cycles, winter fishing, steelheading. Anglers should check their local fly tackle dealer for the 1982 Fifth Edition of Scientific Anglers Fly Fishing Handbook, or send \$3.50 to: Fifth Edition Handbook, Scientific Anglers/3M, Dept. A, P.O. Box 33984A, St. Paul, MN 55133.

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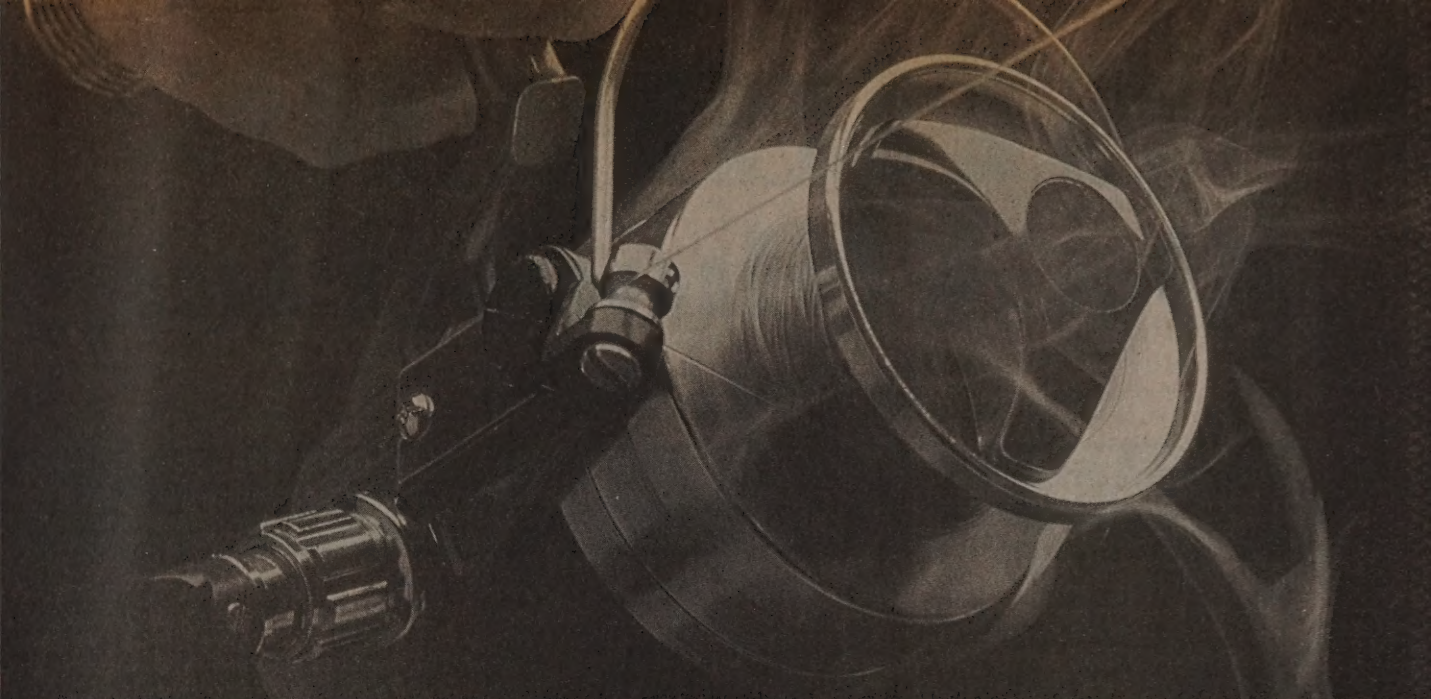
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STRIPERS

On A Shoestring

by Andy Regina

Western Long Island Sound can provide the budget minded shore angler with a pretty fair shot at stripers "if you use your noodle."

It's easy to complain. Everybody does it, and I am no exception—perhaps even the worst complainer of all time, squawking about everything and anything, from the time I get up each morning till I hit the sack again at night. Although I am a habitual crab, one thing I never squawk about is fishing. Nothing rubs me sorer than anyone complaining about the lack of fish, or the scarcity of places to fish from, and, more prevalent in these cost-conscious days of our overly inflated economy, the exorbitant price to be paid for a few hours of relaxation and enjoyment. Realizing that the

price of everything nowadays is more than it should be, and accepting that fact with a bitter grain of salt, the cost of our piscatorial pursuit is still fairly reasonable, by comparison. If you can't hack the price of a private charter, split charter, boat rental, or partyboat fare, you can still do a helluva lot of fishing from shore, as I do, and have fun while still managing to catch a few fish, too.

Like everything else, you must put in a lot of time, finding productive places to fish from, learning successful techniques, and setting up personal fishing schedules that will put

you in the right place at the right time. A lot of my time is spent fishing for striped bass, and if you want to pursue *Morone saxatilis* as I do, you are just going to have to put a lot of time in after dark, because this is the most productive time of the day to catch these fish in striped pajamas (to use Dick Mermon's terminology). Once your wife becomes resigned to becoming a part-time widow and you determine to pay these dues, there is still much more involved than just treading the darkened path.

Tides, perhaps more than anything else, play a major role in fishing for striped bass, and different locations produce better on different tidal stages. To summarize cite the top of the incoming or the start of the outgoing does not actually cover all situations at every location; although most productive tidal periods usually run from the last two hours of incoming water through the first couple hours of the outgoing flow. Each separate area will vary as to the exact best productive stage for that particular location. There are some places that produce only on the outgoing, some that work best on the incoming, and even some that work best on the slack—either full flood or low ebb. In general, moving water seems to produce best, but you will have to fish each location several times to determine the peculiarities of each individual site.

Moon phases greatly affect nighttime striper fishing, because of the influence that the moon has on our tides. New and full moon periods exert the strongest influence, therefore creating not only stronger tides, but higher floods and lower ebbs as well. Coincidentally, bass men live for the full moon, which seems to perk up striper activity; ergo, an incoming tide at night during the full moon causes a lot of insomnia in striper addicts. Confirmed idiots like myself do not sit and wait though, preferring to get out every night rather than watch the boob tube or listen to the old lady yak away for hours! Surprisingly enough, some places offer fairly good fishing regardless of the phase of the moon, a plus you will



Small striper caught from the Playland Fishing Pier at Rye Beach, N.Y. Sub-legal schoolie was carefully unhooked and released unharmed.

discover if you put in your time, too.

Where to go and what to use? These are the two most common questions asked by fishermen, and with valid reason, I might add. These guys want to catch fish, so quite naturally want to go where there are some fish to be caught, and would like to use whatever it is that the fish are being caught on at that present time. Trying to be helpful usually only results in hearing more complaints, as the aspirants squawk about traveling distances being too great, or specific bodies of water being tainted, or even that the cost of a flat of worms is too great a price to pay without any guarantee of catching fish.

First of all, let me say that, to the true bass nut, any long traveling distance is considered as merely a pilgrimage to Mecca. Though we do venture pretty far afield at times, most of our trips are fairly closer to home, and bass can be taken in the shadow of The Big Apple, as I shall try to point out. The extent of various pollutants and their effect on striped bass and other migratory species is debatable. When fishing questionable areas you can release any fish caught if you so desire, relishing the enjoyment of the catch rather than the taste of the flesh, which is what sport fishing is all about anyhow! Bait costs, like everything else, have escalated. Rather than risk running short at the peak of action, invest in a flat of worms rather than purchase a few dozen. Not only will your supply last you through the night, it can be utilized the second night, thereby actually bringing the total cost below that of two separate retail purchases of perhaps five dozen apiece. Aside from that you can almost always get out on a mud flat and dig a few dozen worms at low tide, thereby reducing bait costs to zero dollars. Finally, there are no guarantees in fishing—any time, any place, for anyone. This little monkey wrench thrown in the works is the charisma that makes this sport of ours so appealing to many of us. If fishing was too easy, the anticipation and expectation would be lost, and the thrill of victory would be less than it should be.

Starting in early April, when most western Sound fishermen are trying to catch a flounder or two, the first stripers of the year are caught. Whether these are resident fish awakening from a winter of dormant inertia or the vanguard of the Hudson River migration, I do not know. What I do know is that these fish are strictly bottom feeders at the onset, grubbing for worms and clams and possibly ingesting a small flounder. Lures at this time are unproductive because the bass are sluggish—the water is too cold yet to trigger feeding metabolisms, and is devoid of bait-fish. Possible exceptions would be near warm water confluences in the vicinity of power plants, such as the plants at Great Neck or Northport. What usually produces best for us at this time is the seaworm, usually sand

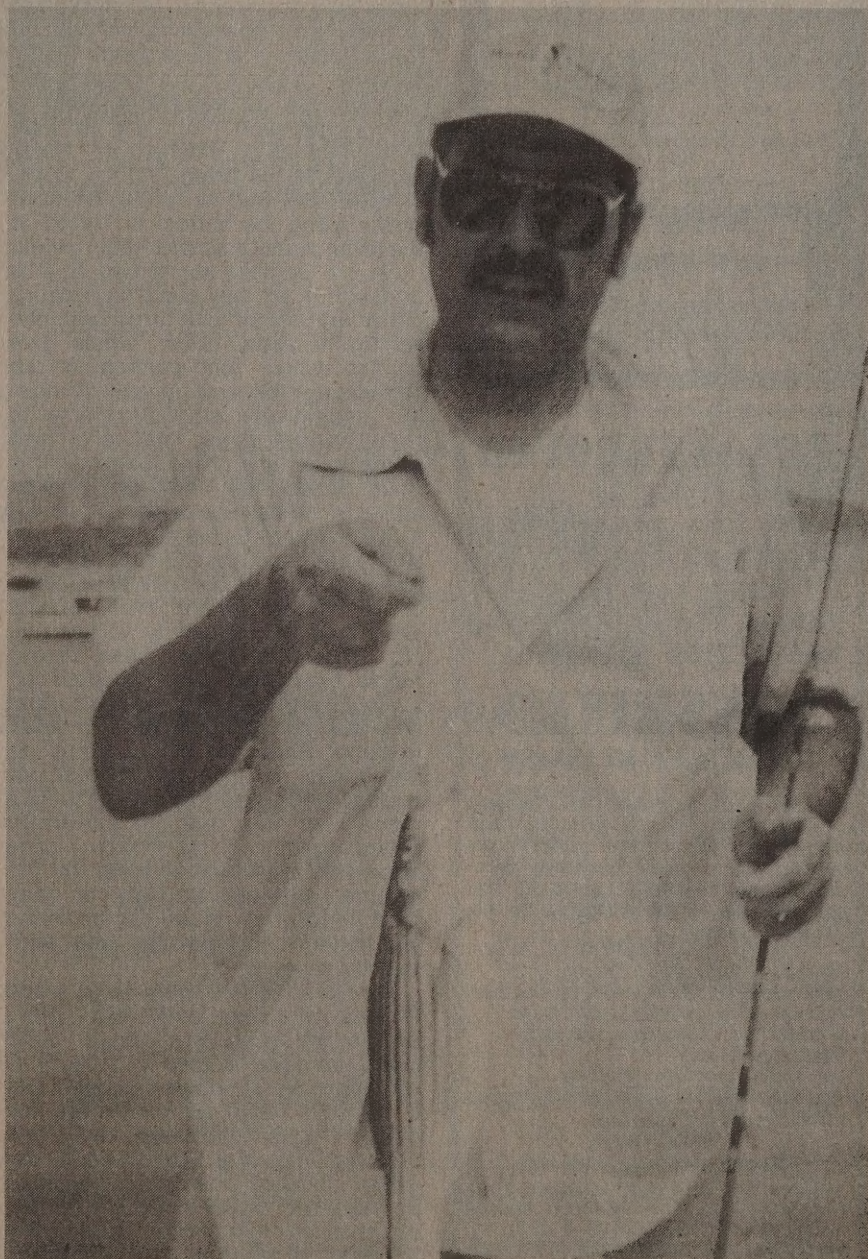
worms, although blood and tape or ribbon worms are also good baits.

Two of the better known early spring hotspots in the western Sound have consistently been Little Neck Bay in Long Island and Turtle Cove, in Pelham Bay, in the Bronx. Both areas are similar in that they hold very little or no water at low tide, thereby consigning productive periods strictly to the last half of the incoming tide through the first half of the outgoing. Worms are fished directly on the bottom, on long-leadered 3/0 hooks rigged as fish-finders. Fish run from shorts through schoolies into the teen weights, with smaller fish predominating. We generally fish two sand spike held rods and it is usually a waiting game, perked-up by flurries of feeding activity when the bass move onto the flats. If crabs or other bottom-hugging

pests decimate costly baits, the use of cork leader floats will stymie them while still keeping your worms in payoff territory for bass.

In May, the East River produces bass at night, as far down as 59th Street, but here worming techniques are different. Baits are live-lined into the swirling currents off piers, docks, and seawalls, on line that is hand-stripped from a free-spoiled reel, and permitted to travel about 50 yards up or down stream, depending on tidal direction. If no bites are felt, the line is slowly retrieved, whereupon the bait is checked before it is sent once again on its journey. Split shot may be needed to keep baits at mid-depths if currents become too strong, and heavier-eared clinch sinkers may be required in strong tides. No particular tidal stage seems

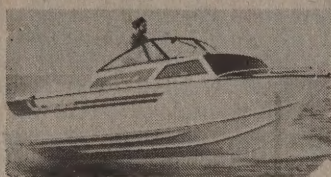
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to make much difference here, as bass feed on both tides; but regulars still prefer the top and bottom two hours anyway.

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Do not neglect our jetties at this time either, as they can also produce either with bait or with lures, with one additional asset. Now whole live baitfish, whole dead baitfish, or cut bait can put that cow on your stringer like nothing else can. Coincidental to their annual runs, mackerel and mossbunker are prime baits at this time; fished live, they are hooked either in the nose or under the dorsal fin with a large treble hook or a large single hook such as a Siwash, and are live-lined into the deep water adjacent to the jetty, where their erratic swimming will hopefully attract the big bass that favor these dining rooms. Fresh dead, whole baitfish can be fished either directly on the bottom on a fish-finder rig, floated under a surface float to drift along at mid-depths, or they can be cast out and retrieved slowly to impart lifelike movement. Cut bait is generally fished directly on the bottom—once again, on fish-finders. Later in the summer, live eels at night or baby blackfish during the day can be fished via live-line techniques, both with equally good results.

Lures and jetties seem to be made for each other, and now the tempters are larger than the earlier-used models and can be used in daylight as well, especially at dawn and dusk. Big 5" and 7" Rebel swimmers are the ticket at night, fished very slowly, and popping plugs in the magic hours can evoke pleasant memories. Bucktail jigs bounced slowly along the bottom can produce night or day, and tins are the ticket in daylight. All lures should be fished directly back to the very base of the jetty proper, night or day, as some really big fish lie close to the rock piles. The twin jetties west of

Fort Totten, in Long Island, and the jetties at each end of Orchard Beach, in the Bronx, always seem to produce, mostly at night, and especially for those dedicated anglers who put in a lot of time.

As with all jetty fishing, here we heartily recommend that you employ the buddy system. Never fish any jetty alone at night: not only will you have help with a needed gaff or light, or someone to rap with between bites, you will always have someone close by in case of an accident or emergency. Also, keep off any jetty that gets completely covered with water at high tide, to avoid the possibility of being swept into the water by a wave. If the tops of the jetty rocks are covered with that fine green fuzz that denotes submersion at high water—stay the hell away at night!

Not to be overlooked or bypassed as good bass potential are the many piers, seawalls, and shore lines that lie on the western Sound, particularly along the Bronx shore. Though there is a sad lack of fishing piers on the Sound, the piers on the Sound, the Playland Pier at Rye, New York, can and does produce striped bass for the knowledgeable angler, although here you are restricted to daylight hours because the pier is closed at darkness. We usually catch our schoolies here in float-buoyed sandworms, but small tins and plugs also turn the trick at times, especially early in the morning.

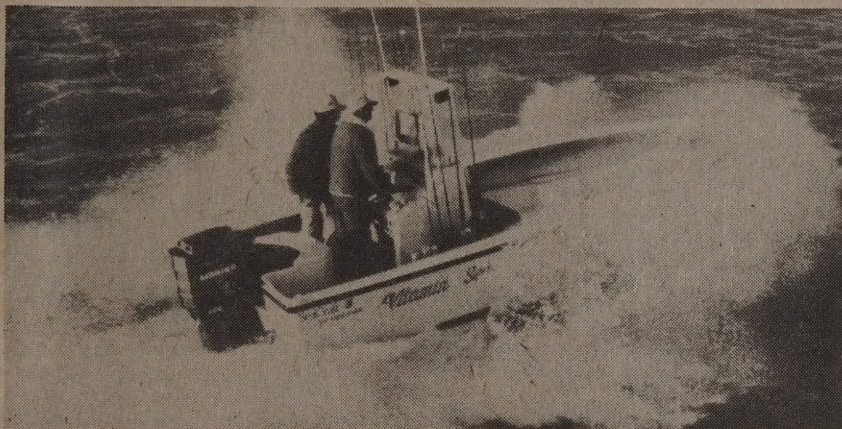
The shore lines of many parks are good: Whitestone Park in Long Island and Ferry Point Park in the Bronx, both at opposite ends of the Whitestone Bridge, as well as Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx, all do fairly well all summer long, at night, with either bait or lures. Any of the above techniques work here also, although longer rods may be needed to reach productive water at times. Here we further advise the buddy system again, especially at night, for personal safety, as the night, unfortunately, is not the sole domain of the fisherman.

The rip-rap along the base of the Bronx side of the Throgg's Neck Bridge, up against the old abandoned Bronx Beach and Pool, produces some big bass at night on a flood tide. On gentle nights, fly rodders wade the shore line with their long wands and have a ball with stripers too big to be believed unless seen at firsthand. Who's to say that a guy with a light or ultra-light spinning outfit cannot do as well, substituting live sandworms or tiny bucktail jigs for the streamers that flyrodders use?

So there you have it: a walk around the western Sound, with striped bass as the prize. You'll notice that most places mentioned are accessible via public transportation or even bicycle, if you do not own a car and are so inclined. Even with a car, gasoline expenditure is slight, and even your bait costs can be relatively light, if you use your noodle. What we have tried to show you is how to catch stripers on a shoestring.

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BASS HOUNDS HEAD DOWNTOWN

by Guy DeBlasio

Broadway, Madison Square Garden and the Empire State Building are all within a long cast of some very unique striper action.

For many years I have lived in and around the "Big Apple" and have fished both the Hudson and East Rivers with great results. It's amazing the variety and amount of fish that reside in these waterways despite the traffic created by large passenger and cargo ships, tug boats pushing and towing barges, and sightseeing boats circling endlessly around Manhattan Island while providing tourists with a good look at the big city. With all this

traffic moving up and down the rivers each year, there is little known about another kind of traffic which travels the rivers. This other traffic carries neither cargo nor passengers, nor do they push or tow barges. They lack steel hulls and propellers as well. Instead they have fins and stripes: they are striped bass.

During the last week in March and the first week in April, bass awaken from their winter stupor and put on

the feed some 40 miles upriver where they are taken by locals fishing the banks of the Hudson. By mid-April, the bass have already made their way down to the beaches of Staten Island, passing by Manhattan Island and feeding along the many piers jutting out into the Hudson.

It was about 7:30 p.m. when my brother Bill and I arrived at one of these piers and made our way to the tip. Our gear consisted of a propane

double mantle lantern, a flat of sandworms and a couple of spinning rods with Penn 550 spinning reels filled with 15 lb. test Ande line. We also brought along a couple of Penn 930 levelmatics mounted on bait casting rods with 10 lb. test line. Another need for this pier fishing is a long handled net or gaff. In my case, I prefer a net because I release 90% of the fish. I only take scale samples, size measurements and keep a small amount for gonad samples for the New York State DEC. If you're going to keep the bass for eating, then I recommend a net like mine. It's 10' long when put together and has a 3½' x 2' deep hoop.

Bill and I rigged our spinning rods with a 2 oz. pyramid sinker tied to a dropper loop at the end of the line. Twenty-four inches above that, we tied another dropper loop with an 18" long leader and a #2/0 Mustad hook draped with a whole sandworm. Bill cast his offering to the edge of the swift moving current, while I made a short cast in tight to the pier where the current moved much slower. While waiting for the action to get started, I sorted through some of the lures that have proven to consistently take bass here when other lures have failed. Included in my selection were Jim Bagley Salty Dogs in green, pink, and amber and Tom Mann Jelly Worms in 6" red and purple. When rigged on lead heads and worked slowly along the bottom, the bass can't resist them.

While rigging my baitcaster, I noticed my other rod bounce and my line go slack. I picked up the rod and waited for the bass to make its move. A few seconds later I felt my line come taut as the bass made off with my rig. I reared back and set the hook and the bass countered by making a beeline for the faster moving current and deeper water. I tightened the drag a hair and leaned back on the rod. That did the trick. The bass turned and made a few more short runs and a few swirls before Bill slid the net under an 8 lb. bass. For the next hour, we pulled fish which ranged in size from just shorts to five pounds.

After filling our scale sample envelopes and putting the gonad samples in vials for the DEC, we decided to have some fun and take these bass on artificials with the popping rods we brought along. We attached green and pink Salty Dogs to our outfits and cast our offerings out into the tide, allowing them to hit bottom and then retrieving the soft shrimp baits slowly with a twitch of the rod tip. A few casts later and we picked up where we had left off with bait. This went on for the rest of the evening with Bill topping off the action with a 12 lber.

As we walked off the pier with bass in hand, I looked up at the tall buildings and wondered to myself what it must have been like a hundred years ago here on the Island of Manhattan.



Against a background aglow with bridge lights and the New York Skyline, the author shows a favorite rubber-bodied leadhead.



The DeBlasio brothers team up on a husky school bass taken at the tip of a Manhattan pier.

"A BETTER WAY" FOR SOUTH BAY FLOUNDER

by Fred Golofaro

**The largest fleet of open boats on the East Coast
makes catching Great South Bay flounder an easy task.**

My best friends know that I'm not the world's greatest flounder fanatic. In fact, much of my enthusiasm for spring flatties can probably be attributed to the fact that by the close of a typical Long Island winter, wetting a line for anything is the best kind of therapy.

Now, don't get me wrong. Flounder fishing is fun, sometimes it's lots of fun, but I can't summon the same passion to pursue flatties that I exude for other game fish. I suppose that if Mr. Flounder displayed the same fondness for plugs that blues, bass and weaks demonstrate, then I might be swayed.

There is no denying that the eating qualities of the flounder are also a prime source of motivation for myself and, I suspect, for many die-hard flounder fans. I like to eat, something else my friends will readily attest to, and I especially like to eat filet of flounder. But I sometimes question the effort and cost that goes into putting fresh flounder on the table.

Nearly all of my flounder fishing on Great South Bay in the past fifteen years or so has been done from small private boats in the 17' to 21' range. Most were outboard powered center consoles. Such craft are perfectly suited for working the bay from May to October, but early spring weather

here on the Island can be not only unpredictable, but brutal. Let's just say that I've been regularly subjected to taking a beating from the wind, cold and spray and such conditions do not make for what I consider a fun day on the water. Those owning larger, more comfortable craft rarely seem to have them ready to go before the best of the fishing is over.

There is also the preparation and expense involved in getting your own flattie trip off the ground. A good supply of bait and chum is a prerequisite to any successful flounder trip and for myself, there is always the time spent scouting up a bushel or so of fresh skimmers or gathering an adequate supply of mussels. If you prefer worms for your floundering, then the tab for a few dozen bloods or sands can add considerably to your expense. Toss in the cost of fuel and ramp or parking fees if you trailer a boat and you've spent more than a few bucks for that flounder dinner. After taking all of these factors into consideration, I figured there had to be a better way to put a dent in the Great South Bay flounder population.

I discovered it, or rediscovered it, in the fleet of open boats massed at the Captree State Park boat basin. As a youngster, I spent many a memor-

able day aboard Captree party boats. As the years went on, I strayed from the rails of open boats and plied the waters of the bay and inlet in my own boat. I never thought I'd see the day when I would again look to open boats for a day of fun on the bay. After all, the open boat route is for those not having the "luxury" of their own boat or lacking the knowledge to find fish on their own—right? Wrong! Where flounder are the target, I found some pretty good reasons why the party boat approach makes sense.

Comfort is a big consideration. Most boats of the Captree fleet are blessed with large, heated cabins which provide a reprieve from the elements during the course of your fishing day. They also ensure delivery to and from the fishing grounds in soothing comfort. If your wife, children or girl friend accompany you on these spring sojourns, they especially will appreciate the luxury of such shelter as well as the stability provided by a 65 or 70 footer.

This stability can also be a factor in your fishing. When fishing from a small boat on a relatively rough day, it becomes impossible to control your line properly. The stable deck of a large party boat enables you to maintain that all important "feel."

Another advantage to the open boat



approach is that there is virtually no preparation beforehand and no effort during your trip. About the only prerequisite is that you grab your rod and a handful of terminal tackle and show up at the dock. Once aboard, the only thing you need concern yourself with is catching fish. Being on the water nearly everyday gives your skipper the edge in knowing the whereabouts of yesterday's best action. Chumming, stirring the bottom, hauling the anchor and even cleaning your catch are all chores you need not concern yourself with when aboard a party packet. The boat's crew will see to all of these tasks while you reap the rewards. Captree mates in general have established a reputation for their friendly, courteous and helpful manner.

When it comes to comparing expense, consider this. Most boats provide a selection of baits including worms, clams and mussels for no extra charge. The combined costs of bait and chum alone are nearly enough to offset the cost of your fare! And this, without even taking into consideration any of the costs of running your own boat.

Here's something else. How many times have you had to scrap plans for a day's fishing due to the lack of a companion? Fishing aboard a party boat requires no one but yourself and if you are the social type, an air of camaraderie seems to permeate the big boats so that you'll never be lacking for friendly conversation.

If you're not already familiar with the flatfishing in this area, Great South Bay boasts an excellent spring fishery, although the fall run in recent years has left something to be desired. The spring run is usually worthwhile by mid-March with the fishing reaching its peak around the second or third week of April and then tapering off during May.

Fishing gets under way in the eastern portion of the bay with most skippers working the bottom off of Blue Point, Sayville, and Cherry Grove. As water temperatures in the bay climb, the flatties work their way west with the fleet on their tails. The Heckscher Flats, long renowned as a spring hotspot, buoy 2-East Islip, the Bay Shore flats, West Channel and the State Channel soon come into their own. As the run progresses, fishing gets hot along much of South Beach. The last of the good fishing winds up in the deep-water of the inlet during May. The Sore Thumb Pocket gets a heavy play then as does Cedar Beach. I have caught flounder in the pocket for use as bass bait well into June.

Captree boasts what is probably the largest concentration of open and charter boats on the East Coast, so finding space at the rail is rarely a problem. Boats sailing full day trips depart at 7AM and 8AM and there are some boats that offer half-day trips at a reduced fare. Check the various boat ads under Captree for more specific sailing info. Family trade is



A nice flattie taken the "easy way."

welcomed and encouraged, so keep in mind that this fishing is ideally suited to getting youngsters started in the sport. They're virtually assured of getting some action and they will appreciate the friendly, comfortable atmosphere of the big boats.

It should be noted, too, that Bay Shore and Babylon each have one boat sailing open. Both fish the same

waters that the Captree boats do and provide basically the same features.

Now I suppose this whole approach seems perfectly designed for the angler looking for an easy way to load the box with flounder fillets. It's a matter of fact—that is exactly the case. You see, it has taken me this long to rediscover that there is a "better way."

CAPTAIN FRED DROGE HONORED GUEST AT CAPTREE BLESSING OF THE FLEET

The 3rd Annual Blessing of the Fleet, sponsored by the Captree Boatmens Association, is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at Captree State Park. Festivities will begin at 2PM, with the blessing to follow at 3PM. Parking and admission to the park will be free. The public is invited to participate in free boat rides as well as free drawings for rods, reels and fishing trips. Entertainment will be provided by the Babylon High School Band. Boats will sail their regular fishing trips and return fully decorated in time for the festivities so anglers may enjoy a day of flounder fishing before participating in the festivities.

This year's honored guest will be Captain Fred Droge of the

"Reward." Captain Fred has been sailing open boats on Great South Bay for 50 consecutive years beginning back when he was 18-years-old. He has been sailing out of Captree ever since the boat basin was opened in 1954. His current vessel, "Reward," is now in its 30th year of service. Her predecessors included the Squid, Mildred B, and the Cathleen.

The salty, outgoing skipper is well respected by his peers and known best for the willing manner in which he shares his unparalleled knowledge of the bay with other skippers. He is still sailing the "Reward" on a daily schedule with the assistance of his son Rick. During the off-season, he keeps active by clamming and scalloping.



TYING YOUR FIRST WET FLY

Part Three — *by Art Michaels*

The black ant is a wet fly that's easy to tie and effective on trout and panfish. It's a pattern that belongs to a group called terrestrials—insects that live and breed on land, and fall

into waterways by accident. Other terrestrials include grasshoppers, crickets, bees, and other beetles and bugs.

Because ants range from about

1/16" to nearly 5/16", their patterns should be tied in different sizes, and each will catch fish well in many situations. For the sake of tying your first wet fly, start with a Mustad



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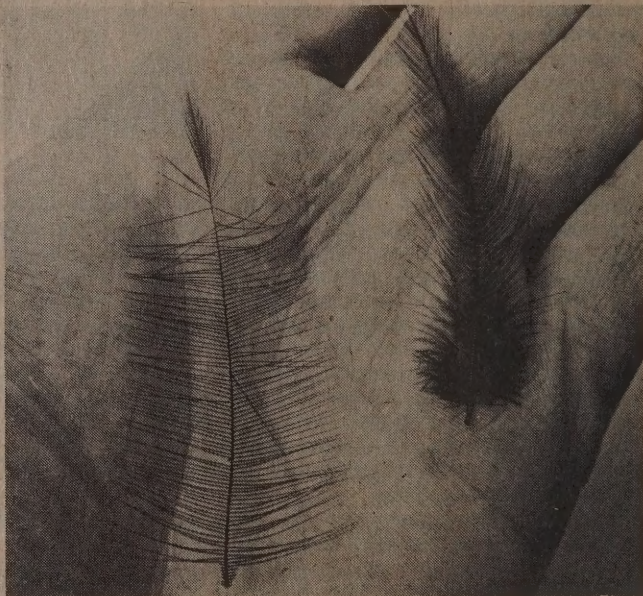


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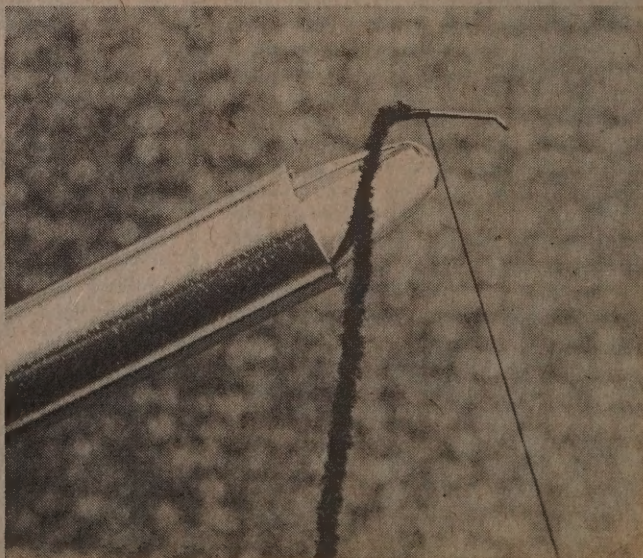


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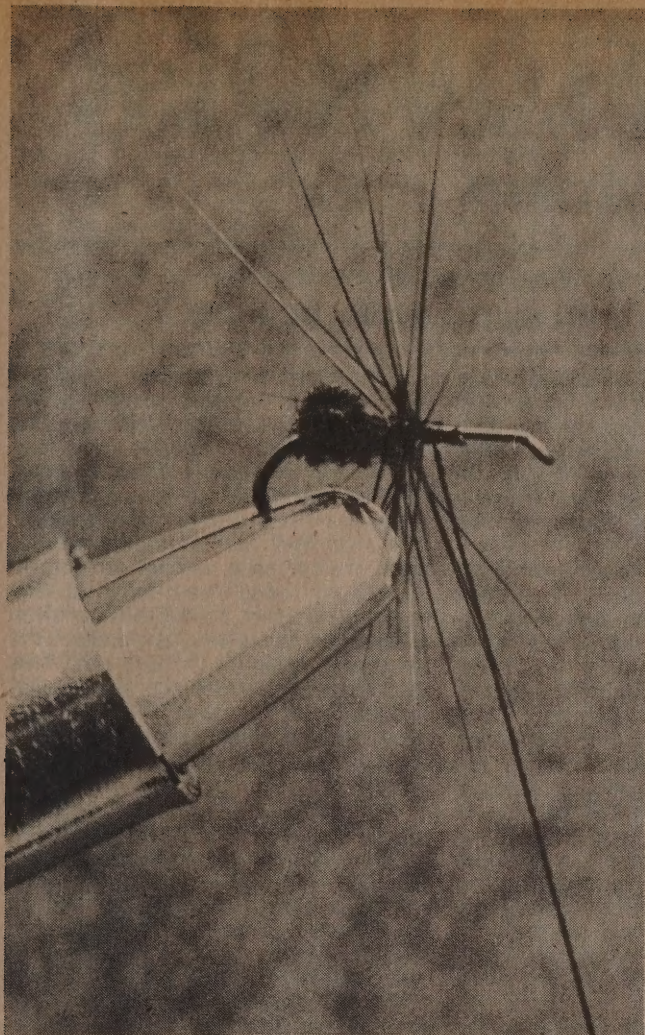


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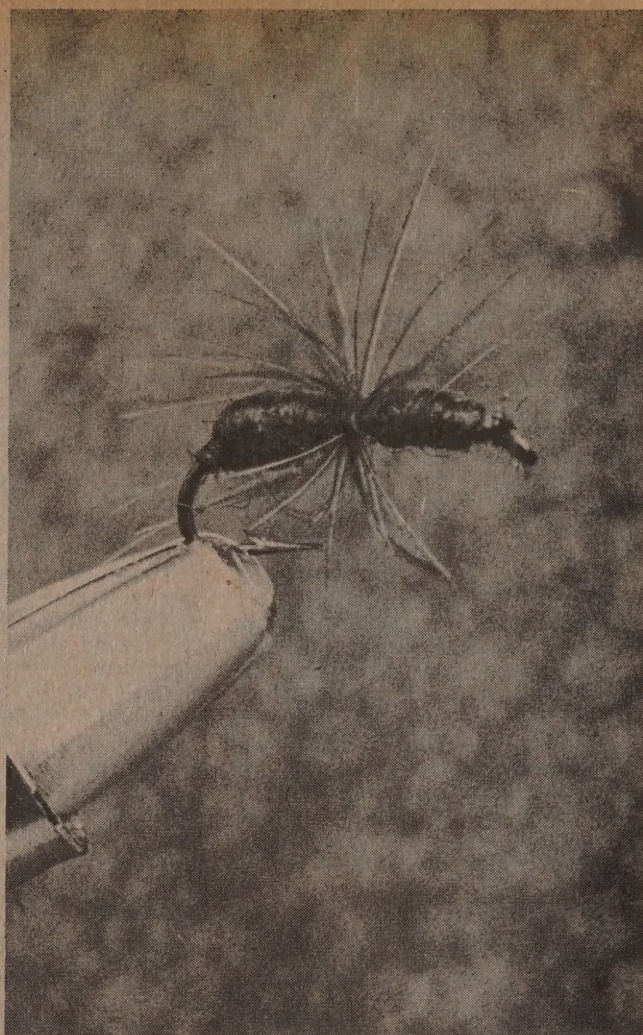


PHOTO FIVE

94840 or a 94833 in size 14. These are dry fly hooks, and the 94833 is a 3x fine-wire hook; but I like to tie ants on light-wire hooks so that their presentation can be as delicate as possible.

When an ant falls into a stream, it thrashes around momentarily on the surface and sinks. Thus, ants can be tied as dry flies because some ants will last longer than others on the surface, but they work best tied and fished as wet flies, just under the surface.

The black ant is simple to tie, so it lets the novice improve his skills, using appropriately thin thread while he ties up some useful flies. For the black ant, try a 2/0 or 3/0 nylon black thread. For some surprisingly productive fishing on many hard-pounded Jersey waters, work your way down to a size 16 or 18 hook and use size 6/0 thread. Now let's go to the tying bench.

Photo #1: One quick method of determining whether to use a hackle for a dry fly or a wet fly is to inspect the hackle's webbing, holding it up to a light. The hackle on the right is best suited for wet fly use because the webbing—the fluffy fibers fanning out from the center—is thick. The hackle on the left would be good for dry fly use because its webbing is short. Webbing soaks up water and

thus decreases a feather's ability to float.

Photo #2: To prepare wet fly or dry fly hackle for tying, first hold the hackle at the tip, and with your thumb and index finger of the other hand, stroke the fibers against the grain so that they stand out perpendicular to the stem. Then trim off the fluff at the butt. You're now ready to tie on the hackle from either the butt or the tip.

Photo #3: Anchor your thread on the hook shank at the top of the bend, and tie on a short length of black chenille or wool yarn, winding it a few times into the proper shape. Remember that silhouette, along with size and color, is the important feature of the ant that fools fish into striking; so winding the chenille or wool into two distinctly separate sections with just a wisp of hackle in the middle is the trick to tying an effective ant. Tie off the chenille or wool with two turns of thread and a half-hitch.

Photo #4: Next, tie on a black hackle and wind it one or two times around the shank. (See photos 1 & 2.) For a neater looking ant, you may want to tie the hackle in at the tip, not the butt. Tie it off with another half-hitch, and cut off the excess.

Photo #5: Just as you built the tail section, wind the head with chenille or wool and tie it off with a series of

half-hitches or a whip finish knot. Coat the thread knot with cement. This ant, tied with wool yarn, has caught hundreds of trout and panfish, and it's one of my favorite flies.

FIVE DIFFERENT ANTS

Here are five fish-catching ant variations you may want to tie:

1. Instead of winding hackle between the two sections, tie in black rubber hackle, which also imitates legs well.

2. Build up the head and thorax-abdomen sections with tying thread and coat them several times with cement or black enamel so that they shine.

3. Tie the two large sections with thread, and then wrap them with black floss.

4. Use chenille or wool yarn to tie the large sections, but tie on a center of thick black hackle so that you can fish the ant dry or wet.

5. Red, or cinnamon, ants catch fish, too; but it's best to inspect the sizes and colors of ants that live near the waterways you plan to fish. Then tie your ants accordingly. Drop a few ants in a bucket of water to see if they sink or swim—then you'll know to tie them as dry flies or wet flies for specific waterways.

BOATLESS FLOUNDER

by Matt Ahern

The grass is not always greener for boatmen when it comes to catching flounder. So claims this veteran sinker bouncer.

Of the two groups of flounder fishermen—those who fish from boats, and those who fish from shore—I'm not sure which has the advantage. Most of us would give the nod to boat fishermen simply because it is easier to go to the fish instead of waiting for them to come to you.

When explained in this manner, it is not difficult to agree. But then, there are many boat fishermen who can recall returning from a flounder trip with a catch that left much to be desired, only to find shore fishermen with full buckets. This has happened to me more times than I care to recall.

It stands to reason, therefore, that there is more to shore flounder fishing than meets the eye. Certainly something needs investigation. Just how do these "lucky" shore fishermen fill those buckets?

Well...let's see.

Most of us began our fishing life by dunking bait from shore. And for many, this initiation started with the summertime pursuit of snappers. With the arrival of fall, those among us who enjoyed snappering continued to fish. But now it was discovered that in order to put flounder in the bucket, a little finesse was required. It quickly

became apparent that those easy days of lowering bait into the water and filling buckets with scrappy snappers were over. To be successful with flounder, we discovered it became necessary to study our flat friend's life-style—and the many quirks inherent in the breed.

Those fishermen unwilling to do this fell by the wayside—or they took up boat fishing, which they somehow felt would be the end-all of their problems. These sinker bouncers figured that by going to the action they had it made, forgetting in that flush of false victory that fish-knowledge was still required. But by the time of this rude awakening, most of these boat fishermen had become so deeply involved, it took no inducement to willingly go on a learning binge. And naturally because of this capability, their catch immediately improved; so much so that rarely do these fellows return to shore fishing—except perhaps to see how the other half lives.

So much for our boat fishermen and their trials and tribulations.

Now we come to those among us who have mastered shore fishing to such a degree that not only has this

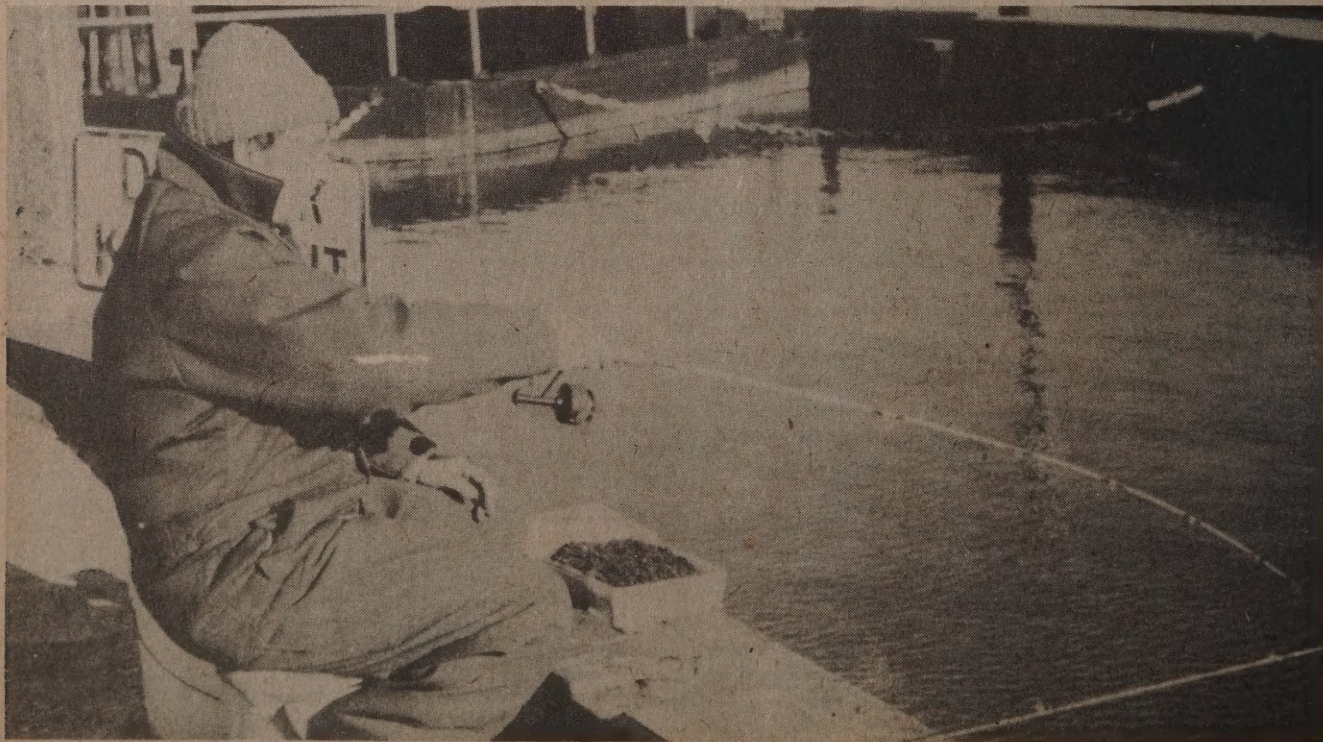
sport become a means of great enjoyment, it has also become a way of life. These are the fishermen who would rather catch one flounder from shore than a dozen from a boat. There's no figuring these fellows. They are a breed unto themselves.

I know this, for I am quite familiar with one of these fellows. No matter how many times I've offered to take him skiff fishing, no matter how often I elaborate on its joys (and I can lay it on pretty thick), it matters not. This particular fisherman is simply not interested. "You catch flounder your way, and I'll catch mine my way. So be a nice feller, Matt, and go roll your hoop."

And this seems to be the attitude of many experienced shore fishermen: "Leave us alone; we know what we're doing." And I have to admit, they certainly do. These are the fellows who have gotten shore flounder fishing down to a science. It is impossible to mislead them. They know exactly where to go, when to go, and how to go about it.

Especially that last item: how to go about it.

Let me give you an example of this. Those who have been reading my



A finely honed fish sense is a key ingredient to scoring regularly with flatties from shore.

columns and articles in The Fisherman for any length of time know about my fishing buddy Nick Hauck. Nick and I have been flounder fishing together for over forty years. You'd think, wouldn't you, that in all those years I'd have outfished him from time to time. But such is not the case. I just can't do it, though he claims I have on several occasions. Nonsense. Had I done so even once, I'd have remembered it, for it would have been a red-letter day.

Now, Nick is not a shore fisherman to the exclusion of all else. He doesn't quibble. If he believes skiff fishing will produce more fish, he will go skiff fishing. If shore fishing is best, he'll go shore fishing. It's as simple as that. He owes allegiance to neither, but success seems to come no matter where he dunks bait.

Well, anyway, on this one particular spring morning I want to tell you about, I drove over to Shinnecock Canal. The flounder fishing had been reported as hot and I figured, what the heck, I might as well get in on some of that action. But when I arrived, I found all the choice spots taken. I'm sure some of those early-birds must have slept over (which isn't unusual for Shinnecock Canal sinker bouncers to do when the fishing's good). Some of my long-time buddies were willing to make room, but it was already shoulder to shoulder fishing and far be it from me to make things more difficult. What to do? Although a stiff northwest breeze promised to make fishing a bit uncomfortable, it was still too fine a day to return home.

So I racked my brain and came up with a particular area off Dune Road in Hampton Bays, one which I'd fished on and off for a good many years. While it had never been as great a producer as the Canal, still it had never let me down. Medium-size flounder were the rule, a flurry of fluke now and then, a scattering of kingfish, and an occasional weakfish had been my score. While fluke fishing one July morning, I had even nailed a 6 lb. striper. Surely, with that past performance, I was certain I'd get a little flounder action there.

Well, you know what they say about the best laid plans of mice and men. I parked my car near the Dune Road spot, removed by gear from the trunk, and with shoes squishing in the soft black mud, I walked/ran to the shore line.

Damn! Wouldn't you know it! That wind I'd noticed at the Canal seemed now to have increased two-fold, so strong in fact that casting into it (which was necessary to reach the fish) was just about impossible. But what the heck. Trials and tribulations are the fisherman's lot. So with a choice word or two for the smirking fishing gods, I began to fish.

On those rare occasions when a lull in the wind allowed me to cast far enough to reach the fish, I would immediately get a bite. Eventually in this manner I managed to nail several

flounder. But this was poor compensation for the bonanza I knew awaited me if only I could get to the fish.

Well...I figured half a loaf was better than none and I was determined to stick it out, hoping against hope all the while that the wind would soon slack off. But this was only the hope of a desperate fisherman, for I knew that a stiff northwest breeze will only lay down at sunset—if you're lucky, that is.

Then to the rescue came Nick Hauck.

I spotted him instantly as he trudged toward me with head lowered to avoid the peppery blast of flying sand, spinning rod held high in salute, a fish bucket swinging wildly in the other.

"So?" he said. "What's new? Your ever-lovin' told me you were at the Canal, but the guys said you left. I figured I'd find you here. Some breeze, eh?"

"That it is, Sherlock," I agreed. There was no point in my asking how he knew where I'd gone once I left the Canal. I sometimes think Nick knows me better than my long-time buddy Artie Leidecker.

I then proceeded to tell him my tale of woe. "...and if we can get to the fish," I concluded, "we'll slay 'em."

Nick shifted his weight from one foot to the other.

"Um-m-m-m. That's the only problem, eh? Be back in a minute." With that, he took his bucket and walked deep into a close-by marsh. He was back in fifteen minutes, the bucket packed solid with clumps of bank mussels.

Removing a clump from the bucket, Nick gently crushed it underfoot. He waited patiently for the wind to slack off and when it did, quickly tossed the clump as far as possible in the general direction of where I'd caught my few fish. He repeated this whenever the wind lessened. Gradually he tossed the crushed mussels closer to shore, decreasing the distance each time, so that in a half hour, no matter how brisk the wind, the chum lay within easy casting distance.

"Let's give 'em a few minutes to find it," Nick suggested.

Which is what we did. And we caught fish after fish. That punishing wind meant nothing now. Those fish had followed that line of chum straight to our baited hooks. We finished the morning with a great catch. How my Canal buddies made out that day, I don't know; but I don't think they outfished us.

All of which brings me to this question. How in the world are you going to beat a shore fisherman like that? A little gray matter and skill, plus a finely-honed fish sense is all it takes. Which certainly doesn't say much for me, I know. Is it any wonder I can never out-flounder Nick Hauck. The fine points of the game are all his.

Such fish-sense as Nick possesses is not uncommon. There are many "Nick Haucks" to be found among

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shore flounder fishermen. That incident I just told about is but one example; but I assure you that whenever one finds a sinker bouncer with an above average catch, he is in the presence of a master fisherman. No ifs, ands, or buts.

Needless to say, such skill does not come overnight. But I will add this: you flounder fishermen who are just beginning and who find shore fishing suits you to a T, don't become discouraged when your results are not what you expected. That's par for the course for many of us. But remember, if you see others catching fish in your chosen location, you can too. Those fish will cooperate if you learn to offer them what they want, when they want it.

Never consider fish from your point of view. You must learn to think like a fish. Don't laugh! What man knows about the sea and its creatures can be put into a gnat's eye. And although we haven't even scratched the surface of needed knowledge, the successful fisherman is always in there pitching. He knows he's got to learn why certain fishing methods work and why they don't. If you aren't willing to do this, if you aren't willing to buckle down and apply yourself to the pursuit of that ever-present "why," I think it best you quit the game right now. Certainly you will have fewer heartaches.

There is a reason why certain fishermen excel and others do not. It isn't luck. Not by a damned sight! If you are a beginner, please don't tell me about the time you fished rings around the last old-timer you met. Of course you did—and so have scores of other fishermen. But how many times have you done so? Can you come up with fish every time you go out as does the old-timer? As Shakespeare said, therein lies the rub. When you can consistently outfish that old-timer, then, and only then, can you brag a little. (Not too loudly, though—lest you awaken the slumbering fishing gods.) Remember, one swallow does not a summer make.

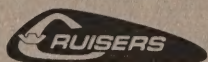
When you find a shore-producing spot, stick with it. If others are catching fish, that's all you need to know. Don't become discouraged—ever. All that is needed is knowledge. Watch...observe; ask questions. I have yet to meet a fellow fisherman who has refused a polite request for information. It's good for the ego, and all that. Pay attention to the answers. Copy his fish-catching rig—exactly. He won't mind. Use it as he does. Use the same bait. Only after you've attained a solid fishing foundation should you attempt to experiment. Not before.

There's much more to shore fishing, of course. But these are the basics for anyone who is interested in how it's done. Eventually, as time goes by, you might even become a Nick Hauck. And if not exactly like him, then someone mighty close.

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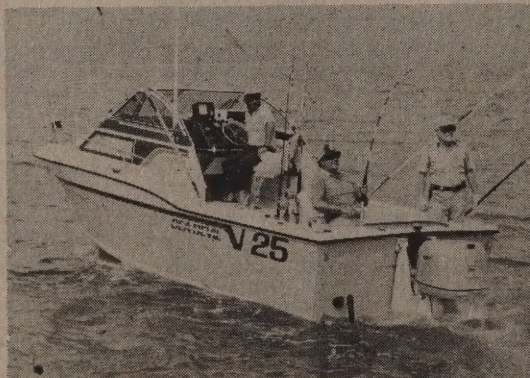
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RESEARCHING THE WINTER FLOUNDER

by Chester S. Zawacki & Alice M. Weber

New York Department of Environmental Conservation

Aquatic biologists from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation offer some insight into the life of the winter flounder. Ongoing research is directed at Long Island Sound.

The winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) is one of seven members of the Pleuronectidae, right-eye flounder, found along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. While it ranges from Labrador to Georgia, the center of abundance is from New England through New Jersey. It is obvious that the winter flounder is one of New York's most important marine fish. Data compiled by the National Marine Fisheries Service in the Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey estimated that New York recreational fishermen caught approximately

8,671,000 winter flounder during the 1979 calendar year. This catch ranked winter flounder as the number one fish caught by anglers in New York waters. Winter flounder are also very important to the commercial industry. Commercial fishermen call the smaller winter flounder (those less than 3 lbs.) "blackbacks" and the larger ones "lemon soles." The 1979 New York commercial landings were estimated at 1,465,840 lbs., ranking the winter flounder fifth in importance in New York food fish landings. The winter flounder has been nicknamed "everybody's flatfish" and is probably the first fish that many Long Island fishermen can remember catching as they are introduced to marine recreational fishing. It is also the fish that most anglers draw first

blood on after winter releases its chilly grip on our local waters.

A review of the scientific literature on winter flounder was recently conducted to amass what is known about this most important of New York's flatfish. In 1938, as a result of fishermen's reports of decreasing numbers of winter flounder, an investigation on the winter flounder fishery in New York waters was started by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with the New York State Conservation Department (forerunner of today's DEC) and Suffolk County. Dr. Alfred Perlmutter and Milton J. Lobell pioneered these scientific investigations on the winter flounder and its fishery on Long Island, a study that was later extended to include many New



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England areas. These early studies gathered data on the catch, fishing grounds, early life history and distribution of the young, and the size and age composition of the flounder stocks subject to the commercial and sport fisheries. One major part of the study involved the tagging of over 12,600 winter flounder from Maine to New York.

It has been long believed that the winter flounder is one of the most stationary of our fishes. A movement of flounder out into deeper water in the summer and back to the shoal water for the winter is generally characteristic of these fish in most locations. This phenomenon is partially responsible for the common name "winter flounder." Of the fish tagged and released from the inshore waters in the aforementioned study, approximately 94% were reported recaptured in the general areas where the fish had been tagged. Some increased movement, however, was evident in fish tagged from more offshore waters. Thus, it appeared that the winter flounder population is comprised of many relatively independent, localized stocks inhabiting the bays and estuaries along the coast. Dr. Perlmutter believed that any movement of fish away from these areas, other than seasonal, was not a directed migration, but rather a gradual dispersion from population centers, a phenomenon characteristic of nonmigratory animals. The definitions of migration versus dispersion can be argued, but the winter flounder are generally classified as nonmigratory mainly because the distance they travel over time is relatively slow. This early research established several other important facts about the winter flounder.

1. In any area, the young winter flounder are mostly the product of local spawning.

2. The young remain in shoal water near the shores of the bays and estuaries during the first year of life.

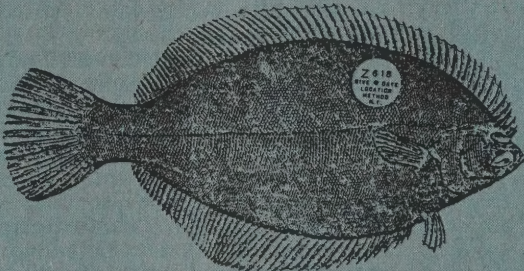
3. As they grow older, flounder tend to move into adjacent deeper water and in their second and third year, they begin to enter the recreational and commercial catch.

The information on tag recaptures reported on in the Perlmutter study allows researchers an opportunity for additional data analyses, particularly with regards to changes in the survival and mortality rates of the winter flounder. While the concepts of survival and mortality rates may appear complicated, these values are of great interest to fishery biologists for they allow some quantified insight into what's happening to a population. Since stocks of fish in the sea are too large or too remote to permit a direct count of individuals, fishery biologists use indirect means of estimating what is going on in nature. Tagging studies are used as a means of estimating what's happening to the population at large on the basis of the fate of a known number of fish. The answers thus come directly

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from the fish themselves rather than merely from opinions of scientists or fishermen.

In the mid-1960s, John C. Poole, a biologist with the New York State Conservation Department, initiated a winter flounder tagging project to compare 1937-38 flounder mortality estimates with more recent values. From 1964 to 1966, Poole tagged and released 2,993 winter flounder in Great South Bay. The 656 recaptures sent in by fishermen to Poole in subsequent years provided the basis for his estimates of survival and mortality.

Based on reported recaptures, 28% of the winter flounder tagged in 1964 were estimated to have survived through to the following year and thus made it to the 1965 fishing season. Mortality and survival are related: mortality being the number of fish that die in each year as opposed to survival, the number which live through each year. To determine the mortality rates, we simply subtract the percent survival from 100. Thus, since 998 winter flounder were tagged in 1964, Poole estimated a total

annual mortality of 72%.

Knowing that 72% of the winter flounder tagged in 1964 did not live to the following year, brings us to the next question. What was the cause of death of these fish? Fishery biologists classify mortalities into two categories: fishing mortality and natural mortality, which can be combined to give a total mortality. Natural mortality is the number of deaths caused by predation, disease, pollution and aging. That is, all deaths except those caused by fishing. Likewise, fishing mortality is the number of deaths simply attributed to harvest by fishing. The estimates of fishing mortalities are based on the number of recaptures and the rate of survival.

From his statistics, Poole discovered that 22% of the winter flounder present at the beginning of the 1964 fishing season were taken by fishing. Subtracting this value from the total mortality (since total mortality equals fishing mortality plus natural mortality), it was estimated that the natural mortality for those fish tagged in 1964 was 50%.

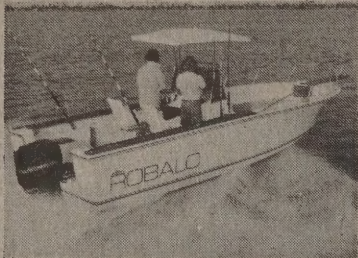
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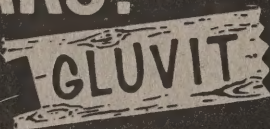
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The resultant analyses of tag returns from the Great South Bay tagging (1960s) suggested that despite many changes in the fishery (1937 to 1968) the flounder population in Great South Bay has been subjected to near constant total mortality, fishing mortality and natural mortality. Fishing mortality remained relatively stable within a range of 0.20 - 0.24. This simply means approximately 20% - 24% of the flounder from Great South Bay were being harvested by man each year. Natural mortality rates were found to be relatively high (approximately 50%) which suggests approximately one-half of the Great South Bay flounder population died each year from natural causes.

This is easier to understand when one realizes the extreme environmental conditions occurring in the bay during the course of a year. Extensive mortalities in the winter have been reported, due apparently to low temperatures, anchor ice, etc. In summer, mortalities of similar magnitude occur due to a combination of high temperature and low oxygen content. Many animals prey heavily on the winter flounder. Studies of the feeding habits of fluke indicate that in Great South Bay more than 25% of their diet was made up of winter flounder. Stomach contents of bluefish, striped bass and weakfish likewise reveal that winter flounder are a food item in their diet. These occurrences all help to account for the relatively high annual natural mortality rate.

An important aspect of John Poole's work on winter flounder was calculating the size at which the maximum yield per recruit (or individual flounder) is achieved. Consideration of fish weight at specific ages and the annual natural mortality rates indicated that winter flounder taken from Great South Bay at approximately eight inches would produce the greatest yield in terms of weight. At the present time, the New York Fish and Wildlife Law states that "winter flounder...less than eight inches, may not be bought, sold or offered for sale." This size limit only applies to winter flounder taken for commercial purposes. In view of the important role of the sport angler in the winter flounder fishery, it might appear that an eight inch size limit would have some value if applied to the recreational fishery. However, sport fishing surveys conducted in Great South Bay in the early 1960s indicated that few flounder less than eight inches were landed by recreational fishermen. It was decided that until such time as the flounder fishery becomes dependent on small fish, there appears to be no need for such a restriction on the sport fishery.

In 1980, the Division of Marine Resources decided to conduct investigations on the winter flounder populations in Long Island Sound. Oyster Bay and Huntington Bay were chosen as sites of work because they

held easily sampled quantities of winter flounder and supported economically important recreational fisheries. In 1981, preliminary work began with the initiation of a modest-size tagging program. Additional studies to allow more precise determinations of age and size at maturity are planned for 1982 and 1983. During the spring of 1981, a total of 1,000 winter flounder were tagged, 500 from Oyster Bay and 500 from Huntington. The fish were captured by otter trawl and only fish over eight inches total length (203 mm) were tagged. Tags used were Petersen disc tags attached by stainless steel pins through the dorsal musculature. This tag was invented in 1894 by C.G.J. Petersen for use on the European plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa*), and is perhaps the most widely used and the most generally successful of all tags in present use. It is an especially good tag for flatfish since the tag is visible from either side of the fish. This allows for easier identification, for a flounder placed on a deck will obviously lie on one side or the other. In the form used in our experiments, the discs are 1/2" plastic with an orange disc used on the white or "blind" side and a white disc on the black (eyed) side. Serial numbers and instructions for return are printed on the discs.

Fishermen are requested to return both discs with the date, locality and method of capture in exchange for a \$3 reward. This is an opportune time to remind readers of *The Long Island Fisherman* of the importance of promptly returning tags and requested information. Non-reporting of recaptured tagged fish is a potentially serious problem in all tagging experiments. Tagging studies designed to estimate exploitation rates or population sizes must consider the proportion of recaptured fish not reported. Although the reporting rate (number of recaptured tagged fish reported per number of recaptured tagged fish caught) is assumed to approximate 100%, all too often this is not the case. In a study completed in 1971, California Fish and Game officials estimated that California anglers generally fail to report about 40% of the tagged freshwater fish they catch. Other research indicated a reporting fraction of about 40% for Atlantic Coast anglers. If the assumed value of 100% for reporting were used for either of these fisheries, the exploitation rate would be under-estimated by a factor of 2.5. In a recent study, Texas Coastal Fisheries personnel found that failure to report tags was most often a result of failure to find the tag. So, it is most important to examine your winter flounder carefully and **please** return your tags promptly and encourage others to do likewise.

The results of our investigation on winter flounder in Long Island Sound are only preliminary, this being the first year of a planned three-year study. Nevertheless, some interesting

findings are being made. For the 500 fish tagged in Oyster Bay, a total of 48 tags were returned. Thirty-nine (81% of these returns) were taken by recreational fishermen aboard private boats, party boats and at piers. Nine (19% of the returns) were sent in by commercial fishermen, all of which were reported captured by otter trawl. Location of recaptures indicate that of the fish tagged in Oyster Bay, most were caught in the immediate vicinity of tagging. Twenty-eight (58%) of the returns were from a distance of less than five nautical miles from the original site of tagging. Seven (15%) of the returns came from west of the Oyster Bay tagging site, including two returns from the City Island area. Thirteen (27%) of the returns were reported from locations further than five nautical miles to the east of the tagging, the majority of these returns being from commercial sources. For the 500 fish tagged in Huntington Bay, 24 tags have been sent in to date. Seventeen (71%) of these returns were sent in by sport fishermen and seven (29%) by commercial fishermen, the latter returns all from otter trawls.

The location of the 24 recaptures of winter flounder from those tagged in Huntington Bay also showed that the majority (17) were caught within five nautical miles of the site of tagging. Only two of the recaptures were found in areas to the west of Huntington Bay, one from the Connecticut shore

(Cos Cob) and one from Cold Spring Harbor. Five returns did come from eastern areas, primarily caught by otter trawl.

Some of the tagged flounder took off for the east! Of the flounder tagged in Oyster Bay, several made considerable journeys. One was landed at Pt. Judith, Rhode Island with no clear description of point of capture. Three were recaptured in New London, Connecticut and three others were caught just south of Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Of the winter flounder tagged in Huntington, the furthest return came from a point five miles east of Block Island.

Return of tagged fish show distinct variations between the two sampling sites. The rate of return from fish tagged in Huntington (24) is half that of the fish tagged in Oyster Bay (48), which may be due to a more intensive spring sport fishery in the Oyster Bay area. Although recreational fishermen are the major source of returns, the commercial returns comprise more than 20% of the total returns to date. Tagged winter flounder from Huntington Bay show a higher percentage of returns from commercial sources than do fish tagged in Oyster Bay. It is apparent that for both locations, returns are primarily from the early spring rod and reel fishery in areas adjacent to the original sites of tagging.

Comparison of these first year returns with those from previous

tagging studies of winter flounder in Long Island Sound may indicate changes in the fishery since that time. First year recaptures from winter flounder tagged off Port Jefferson in 1938 showed that 75% of the returns were from commercial fishermen. In contrast, similar tagging studies conducted in 1940 and 1941 at Matinecock Point (an area just west of the present day Oyster Bay tagging site) reported that more than 96% of the returns were from sport fishermen. Due to legislative restrictions on trawling and gill netting operations in western Long Island Sound, it was expected that last year's tag returns would follow the well-established pattern of heavy recreational pressure in western locations and predominantly commercial fishing pressure in eastern areas. First year rate of return for earlier tagging studies (1938, 1940, 1941) were much higher than for the present tagging project (17% versus 10%). This finding may reflect changes in fishing mortality, natural mortality, or mortalities due to tagging.

It is anticipated that an additional 1,000 winter flounder will be tagged and released at the same locations each spring during 1982 and 1983. Recaptures from these future tagging projects should provide data for more accurate determinations of mortality rates, fishing pressure and seasonal movements of the winter flounder population in Long Island Sound.



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by Al Ristori

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To be sure, graphite has been used to make saltwater rods for sometime now. Fenwick got things rolling in the mid-Seventies with surf rods and even a custom line of big game sticks. However, the cost of pure graphite was way out of line for rods that required a great deal of the fiber. Sales weren't good, and Fenwick has backed out of graphite for rods intended for purely saltwater use (except for heavy duty fly rods). However, the success of the graphite

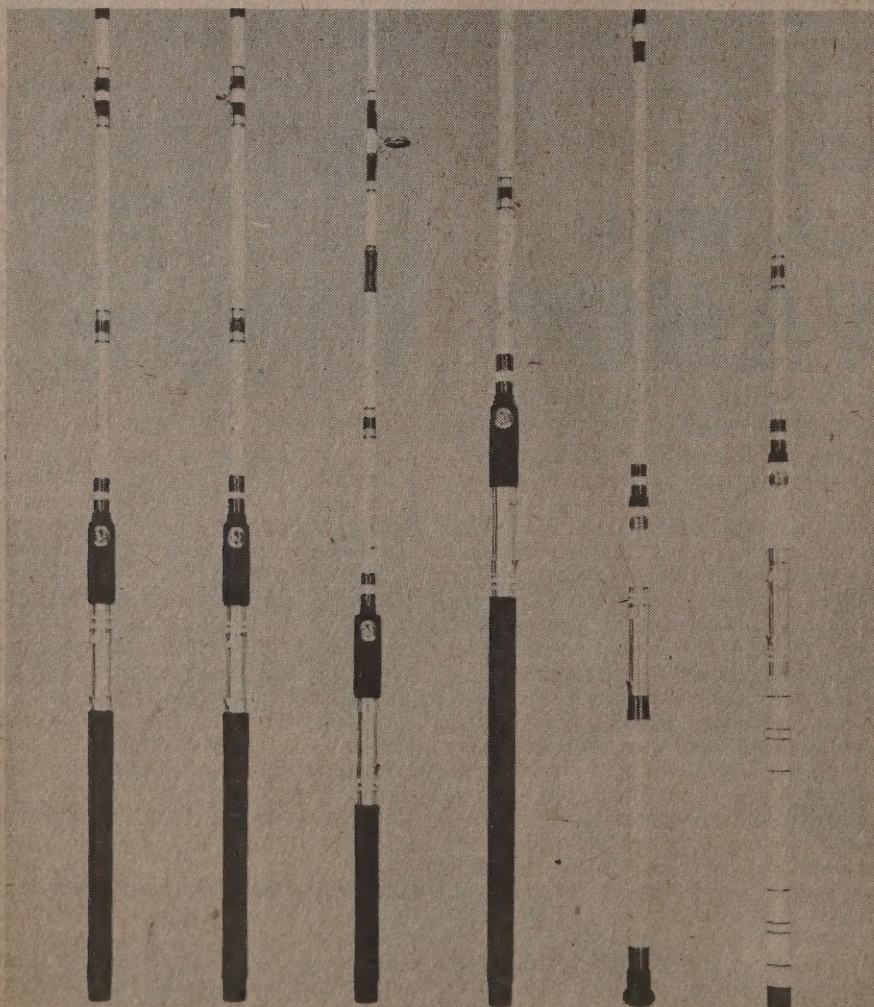
composite Ugly Sticks from Shakespeare has led others to look into the saltwater market in this area. Daiwa, in particular, has made a big move in that direction this year.

Why graphite? Basically because graphite has a higher modulus (stiffness to weight ratio—or resistance to bending) than fiberglass and is able to store and release casting energy with less energy loss. Rods properly made of this material are lighter and more sensitive. The blanks look so thin that your first impression is that they have no power, yet they're surprisingly stiff. As a result, longer and more accurate casts are possible without any increase in effort. An even more "exotic" material, boron, is another

step more sensitive than graphite. However, boron is still relatively new and very expensive. It's not being used in saltwater rods at present, and probably won't be for a few more years. Even then, it's likely to be used only as a composite with graphite.

Daiwa feels that they've made a breakthrough in graphite composites with a new manufacturing process that very evenly integrates unidirectional graphite fibers around the shaft so the rod isn't significantly stiffer on one side than the other. Using this technology they've introduced eight new series of boron and graphite composites, several of which are of particular interest to saltwater anglers. Big game fishermen can rejoice as they get a choice of three high-quality rods in several line test classes. Within the top-rated IGFA-Spec Tournament graphite composite series there's a choice of 9093 models in each line class from 20 lb. to unlimited, with AFTCO roller guides; while a similar group of 9073 models feature the same blanks with the highly-regarded Fuji silicon carbide guides at somewhat lower prices. A bit lower in price are the Sealine Tournament SLT-350 (15-30 lb. line), SLT-400 (30-60), and SLT-450 (40-80). The latter graphite composites feature AFTCO roller guides and graphite composite reel seats, but are one-piece with the blank extending through the handle.

The new saltwater Daiwa graphite composites are truly custom rods, as the blanks are imported from Japan, but the finishing is done at a special plant in California. That finishing includes triple wrapping of guides and very nice diamond wrapping. As custom rods, the supply is a little uncertain and you might have to order the desired rod. Also included in the Sealine series are four rods that are ideal for boat and jetty spinning (6½'-8'), plus a 6½' heavy baitcasting model and the 8' SLT-500s rated for 30-60 lb. lines. All feature silicon carbide guides. The graphite composite Surf Tournament series includes four models from 9' to 12', all rated for 12-25 lb. lines. These rods have Dynaflo guides and Fuji reel seats. The lighter weight of graphite is particularly noticeable in these surf sticks, and the folding Dynaflo gathering guide makes them ideal for the traveling angler. Daiwa also retains their extensive line of Sealine



Eagle Claw's Ocean Granger series.

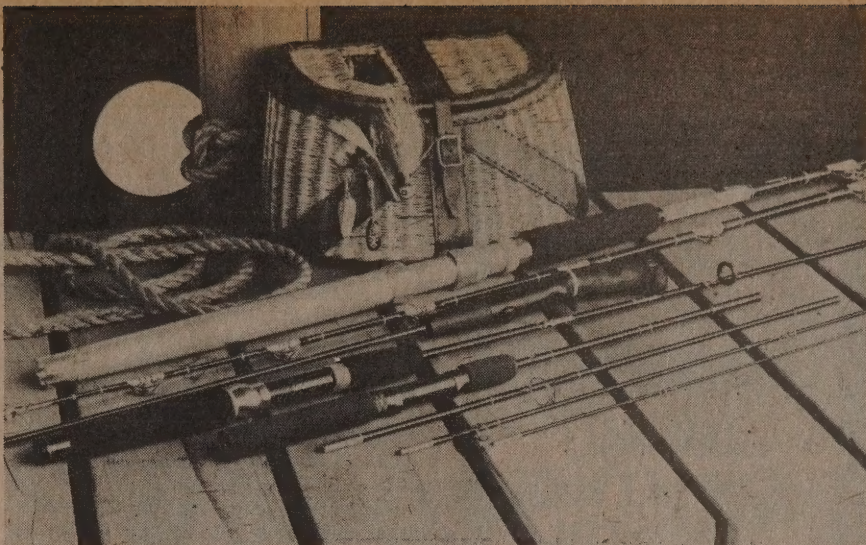
fiberglass rods which includes four wire line models with Carboloy guides. It should also be noted that the graphite composites with silicon carbide guides are equally suitable for wire line fishing. Within the basically freshwater Procaster Graphite Comp series are several new saltwater rods. Three surf rods of 10'-12' have heavy actions and Dynaflo guides. A new series of four live bait and jig casting rods offers a choice of 6½' and 7' lengths in heavy and extra heavy actions—all with Fuji silicon carbide guides.

Shakespeare led the way in saltwater graphite composites and they aren't letting any grass grow under their feet. There are eight new models in the Ugly Stik line, all of which carry the "Ugly Back" 30-day/5-year limited warranty. The one new spinning model is the 7½', two-piece medium heavy action BWS 1100. The unique aspect of this rod is that it's a partial telescopic, reducing in length to 6' while still providing one-piece action. The casting selection includes three "West Coast" 7' one-piece models in medium light, medium, and heavy actions. These rods are designed for casting light live baits and they feature eight stainless steel guides. The BWC 1121 is a 5½' one-piece bay rod with aluminum oxide guides and a chrome-plated brass trigger reel seat.

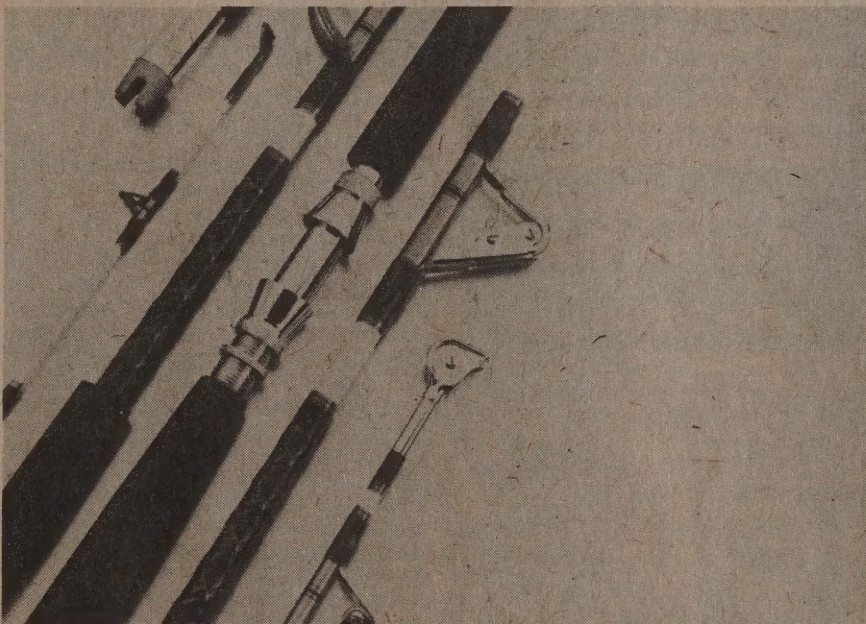
The new telescoping concept is carried over into the boat rod selection, where three out of four models are new. The BWB 1147 is a 6½' heavy action boat rod that telescopes and weighs only 18 oz. The BWB 1146 is another 6½' footer, but this one is built for wire line fishing with Carboloy guides. The handle is built into the rod blank for maximum strength. Finally, there's a real brute: the 8' heavy action one-piece BWB 1130 "cod" rod, which should be perfect for deep water wreck fishing.

The famous Shakespeare fiberglass Wonderods have been upgraded into the Sigma series and now have the matte black epoxy finish typical of that line. In the lower priced area, Shakespeare has the new BWB 787 solid glass wire line rod in the Alpha series. This 6½' footer features Carboloy guides and a medium heavy action. Its rod blank extends through the handle. The new low-priced Omni series includes a couple of 8' and 9' spinning rods of tubular fiberglass. They are two-piece models with foam grips, stainless steel guides and fiberglass-to-fiberglass ferrules. An interesting series from Shakespeare is the seven model Telesea telescopic line. The tubular fiberglass rods range from 6' to 11' 8" and telescope to between 32" and 36". All have stainless steel guides and ceramic tiptops.

The "new kid on the block" is Kunnan. This California outfit is making great strides with graphite composites made in Taiwan under the supervision of ex-Conolon personnel. Included in their line are the Big



Kunnan manufactures a wide range of fresh and salt water rods, including Boatmaster's Choice and Big Gamers graphite composites.



New Daiwa graphite composite rods are custom made and feature shafts that are 30% lighter and 20%-25% smaller in diameter than their fiberglass predecessors.

Gamers and the Boatmaster's Choice. The former group features under-wrapped AFTCO roller guides, AFTCO Unibutt, diamond wrapping, and foam foregrip. The latter boasts of boat rods with aluminum oxide guides, diamond-wrapped butt, foam grip, and chrome-plated brass reel seat. Boatmasters come in 6½', 7 and 7½' foot lengths, and actions ranging from medium to extra heavy.

As previously noted, Fenwick has gotten away from the use of graphite in strictly saltwater rods. They also have refused to go into composites—sticking with straight graphite, boron, or fiberglass. They do have saltwater rods in "exotic" materials designed as popping rods, musky sticks, and heavy duty fly rods.

What Fenwick does have that's very new is the Surfstik. This is a three-rod series developed for the unique British surfcasting system that's resulted in many record casts.

That system was developed by John Holden in 1969 as he was searching for ever more distance from Britain's gently sloping beaches. At that point, the casting record with tournament tackle was 150 yards. With his new sidearm technique, Holden was able to shoot the record to 191 yards with his regular fishing tackle. Since then the mark has been pushed to an incredible 241 yards!

Fenwick's Surfstik rods are all 11½ footers with Fenglass (a lighter and more expensive form of fiberglass) tip and HMG graphite butt. The strong, but lightweight graphite butt provides stiffness where it's needed and doesn't absorb energy from the cast. Each model has Hand Hugger grips, lightweight Fuji reel seat, five hard chrome-plated guides, and an aluminum oxide tiptop. They can be used with either spinning or conventional reels. The Surf 3 model will handle 2

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Fenwick's yellow Pacificstik line was a big success in 1981 and they've added to it this year. The latest Fenglass entries are the 1655XHC (a 5 1/2' powerhouse that will handle 2-8 oz. and 30-80 lb. lines); 789C (6 1/2', 3/4-3 oz. lures, 15-50 lb. lines); 727C (6' with a fast tip for 1/2 to 1 1/2 oz. lures and 12-30 lb. lines); and the 6 1/2' ST1670 all-purpose trolling rod with stripper and tip roller guides.

Zebco is king of the spincast field and, not surprisingly, has little reputation for its rods in the saltwater area. However, this year they've come up with a line specifically designed for the briny—and they look good. The Black Max series features a graphite core surrounded by a fiberglass outer skin, and the actions are right for saltwater use. The 5371 is a 6 1/2' spinning model; while the 5372 is a popping rod of the same length. The 5381 is a 7' spinner and the 5391 is a medium heavy spinning model of 7' 9". All are one-piece with chrome-plated brass reel seats and aluminum oxide guides.

Lew Childre has a good selection of graphite saltwater rods, as well as many more in fiberglass. However, nothing new has been added in that area for 1982. The big excitement at Childre is over the S.I.C. silicon carbide guides that are now being used on some of their best rods (including the trolling models) and which are also available for rod building. These guides have much better heat dissipation qualities than aluminum oxide and will also stand up to wire line.

Garcia's saltwater line is the same as last year's, but you should notice a refreshing change in the price tag. The relatively high-cost Conolon factory in California has been closed down and rods of similar quality are now being produced in the Orient. Eagle Claw is also holding steady in the saltwater area with their Granger and Ocean Granger fiberglass lines. The same applies to Shimano which has only a few fiberglass saltwater spinning rods.

Quick has new inexpensive Clipper rods which include the 8' PR80, rated for 12-25 lb. lines. The new Quick Champion series features two 7 footers, the CF7B boat rod and CF7BS boat spin—both with graphite reel seats and aluminum oxide guides. Lamiglas has come up with a new series of Esprit graphite rods: the Magnum. However, these are West Coast salmon and steelhead numbers. All are two-piece and the only one likely to be of interest to local anglers is the S84HC, an 8' 4" two-piece rod that handles 1/2 to 1 3/4 oz. lures and 10-25 lb. line—but weighs only 6-5/8 oz.! Most of the Lamiglas rods of interest to East Coast saltwater

fishermen are in S-Glass (higher modulus type of fiberglass). An exception is the 5' 8" G1217 graphite musky rod which is great for jigging.

Browning has a new line of Silaflex fiberglass rods which includes many saltwater models. All are chocolate brown in color with hand-wrapped guides. There are three short spinning rods specifically designed for saltwater use. The "light" 5 1/2' 972900 will handle 3/4 to 2 oz. lures and 8-20 lb. lines. It has aluminum oxide guides and weighs only 5.5 oz. Rated as "medium" are the 6 1/2' 972906 and 6-3/4' 942957, both of which have stainless steel guides. All three rods are one-piece. Two boat rods are the 7', one-piece 942970 (spinning) and 6 1/2' two-piece 942966. The 972960 is a 6', one-piece popping rod, and the 942980 is an 8' two-piece jetty stick. All of the latter models have aluminum oxide guides. Suggested retails run from \$27.50 to \$45, which is modest for Browning rods.

Berkley has gone into graphite composites, but the saltwater rod line remains fiberglass. However, Fuji ceramic guides have been added to many models in the modestly-priced Buccaneer line. St. Croix has a couple of new solid glass trolling rods: the Corsair 6604-XH-RTS (6-3/4', one-piece, Mildrum roller stripper and tiptop) and Viking 7704-H-RT-8' (8' one-piece with detachable handle and roller top).

Heddon has a few new graphite composite models, but all are oriented toward Great Lakes fisheries. Coming up rapidly is Loomis composites, a Woodland, Washington firm which exhibited at the Suffern Sportsmans Show last year. Gary Loomis makes beautiful graphite composite blanks (more than 90% graphite) and is also establishing himself in the finished rod field. The only strictly saltwater rods he has so far are the 7' light action GLBR702-2 and 7' medium action GLBK704-2, both designed for jigs and live bait. Suggested retails are \$169 and \$180. As with all other rods in the Loomis line, these models can be purchased as kits for assembly at considerable savings.

And finally, a new name in the field: Reliance (UDI Corp., P.O. Box 703, Columbus, MS 39701) is producing some saltwater numbers in graphite. Included are four trolling rods in the 20, 30, 50, and 80 lb. classes with aluminum butts and roller guides. There are also light and medium action two-piece 7' spinning rods for jigs and live bait, plus 10 1/2' and 11 1/2' two-piece surf sticks. These Reliance rods are of 96% graphite and feature Fuji aluminum oxide guides. Reliance also has saltwater spinning and surf rods in a tubular fiberglass Deluxe series with Fuji aluminum oxide guides, and both spinning and boat rods in the tubular fiberglass Standard series with ceramic guides. Among the many solid glass selections are trolling rods with roller guides or with ceramic guides with roller gathering guide and tiptop.

FRED'S FISH FACTS

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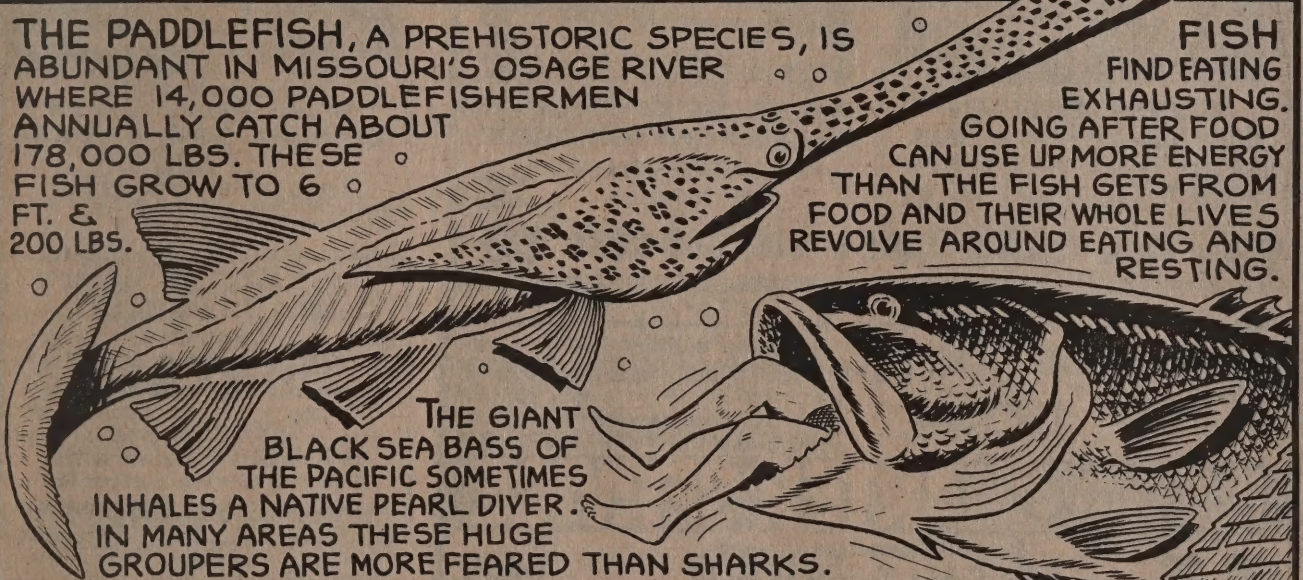
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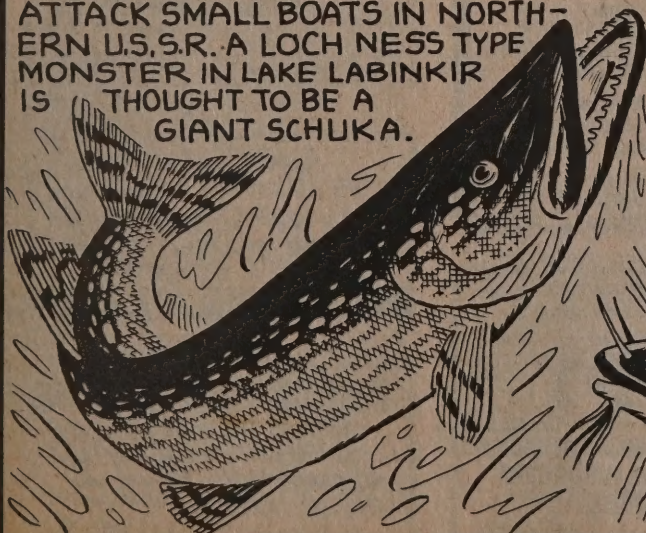


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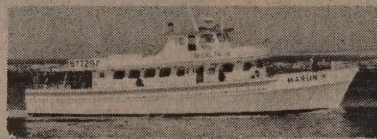
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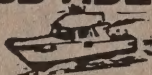
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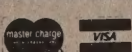
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by Stu Miller

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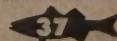
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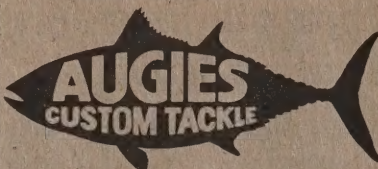
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Judy Miller copped the women's division of last fall's Full Moon Bass Tournament sponsored by Montauk Marine Basin with this 29 lb. striper. It was taken aboard the private boat, My Ronnie.

ranging from 5-10 lbs. The skipper says he has to classify the fishing as pretty good and expects the pollack to be swarming in very soon. Cod and pollack mostly hit bait, but some also took diamond jigs. Aboard the charter boat **Blue Fin IV**, Captain George Potts tells us that his crew was joined by the crew of the charter boat **Montauk** and they fished for the box Easter Sunday, hoisting 52 cod near Cartwright. Two cod were over 30 lbs. 5 in the 20-30 lb. class and the rest were mixed fish. They also hung a 25 lb. pollack on a diamond jig, but all the cod were caught on bait.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

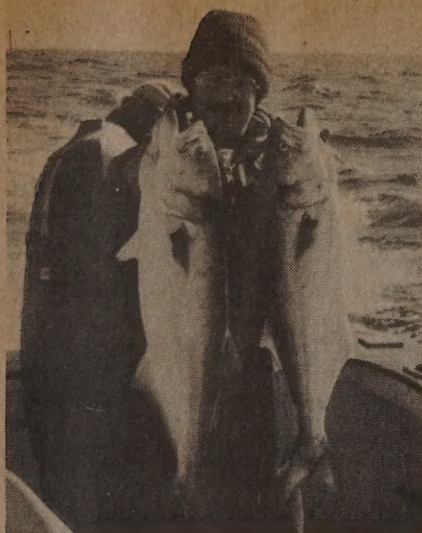
What more can be said about the weather? The Blizzard of '82 is now history, leaving in its wake thousands of bewildered flatfish fans, boat captains, livery owners and no doubt, the fish themselves. Reports from captains and fishing station owners indicated drop in water temperature ranging between 8 and 10 degrees following Tuesday's snowfall and subsequent wind and cold. The positive side to this whole mess is that the mild weather forecast for this week will warm bay waters just as fast as last weeks cold dropped water temperatures.

Everyone I spoke to, while lamenting about what amounted to one lost week of flounder fishing, agreed that by the end of this week, fishing would be back to its usual spring form. In fact, there was enough evidence gathered in the reports to indicate that the picture is already changing and that the fishing could be back to normal by the time you read this report.

East End Bays/Inlets

The bulkheaded shoulders of the Shinnecock Canal provided shore anglers with a fair opportunity to take home some flatties on Saturday according to Mickey Altenkirch of **Altenkirch Bait & Tackle** in Hampton Bays. Most of the fish taken ranged from 1/2 to 1 lb. Sunday was very quiet due to Easter. Mickey reminded that the locks in the Canal will close at 9AM on Wednesday and 1 hour later each following day. Those sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the shop at P.O. Box 779, Hampton Bays, N.Y. 11946, can obtain a free table of lock opening and closing times.

Next door from Shinnecock Bay in Moriches Bay, those that did catch fish following the storm had to run back up into the Quogue Canal to do so. Prior to the blizzard, fishing had



North Shore Anglers Club member, James Warshaw with a brace of big blues taken last fall at Montauk. Subscriber photo.

been very good in the buoy 41-42 area but the drop in water temperature from 42 to 34 degrees reported by Jim DeVito of Skidmore's Fishing Station took it's toll. Jim was confident that a few days of mild weather are all that is needed to get the fishing back on the track.

Over at Hi-Way Fishing Station, Al Lassen echoed the same sentiments of a few mild days being required to set things straight again. Between the weather and Easter Sunday, the veteran liveryman simply chalked up the week as a loss.

William Koerner and Bill Heusner, both of Floral Park, took advantage of Sunday's comparatively calm weather to trek down to buoy 52 from Seatuck Cove Fishing Station and were rewarded with 45 keepers and "lots of throwbacks." Andy, of Seatuck cove, said that the pair used sand worms and chummed heavily with both corn and mussels. The few other boats that fished the area also enjoyed fair to good action with small to medium size fish.

GREAT SOUTH BAY

The first decent action since the storm in this area occurred over Saturday and Sunday. In the eastern-most sector of the bay opposite Mastic Beach, Gary of Stiriz's Fishing Station, spoke highly of Sundays results in the vicinity of buoy 17. A couple of boats returned with catches ranging as high as 60-70 flatties. Largest of the fish checked by Gary were in the 1 3/4 lb. range. Among the successful boatmen were Fred Steward and Harold Benson with 64 keepers. Best catches were made on worms and mussels with heavy corn and mussel chum being the real key. Fish bit well as long as the tide was moving according to Gary.

In the vicinity of Heckscher and Sayville, picky fishing was the rule

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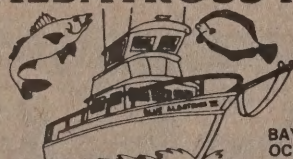
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judging by reports received from area tackle shops. The picky action in itself was an encouraging sign that a return to the excellent fishing of last week is not far off. Here and there a couple of decent catches were reported.

From Peppy's Bait & Tackle in East Islip, Irene looked over a nice mess of flounder taken by John Stein and Jim Ritter of town on Saturday. The pair worked the Heckscher Park area near buoy 4 with clams, mussels and sandworms. Same day, Amauel Vento showed a batch of fish to 2 1/2 pounds. That fish is now the leader in the shops spring flounder derby. He also fished the Heckscher area.

Dave Canale at J & R Sport Center in Oakdale said flounder catches probably averaged about 6-8 fish a man at buoys 4, 5 and 17 on worms, clams and clam chum. Fishing should improve steadily as water temperatures return to normal.

For freshwater fans, trout fishing remained good at Connetquot State Park. Yorks truly checked out the fishing on Friday and took over 20 brookies and rainbows from 12 to 16 inches. Dave reminded that Neil Slueter's 7 1/2 pound brown trout still leads the shop contest. Also, for those looking to mount that trophy trout, Dave told of a special on skin mounts for trout under 26". Call or stop by for details.

Carl Miller of Smokey's Bait and Tackle in Bay Shore repeated reports of picky but improving flounder activity at Heckscher. Of those fish taken on the weekend, some were indeed impressive. Included among these was 2 1/2 lber. checked in on Saturday. The lower reaches of the Connetquot River continues to produce prodigious numbers of white perch for those in the know. Carl, with some help from his youngsters, used

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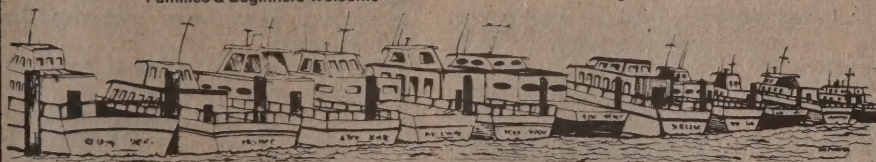
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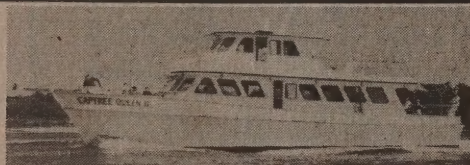
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The Captree open boat fleet, set back like everyone else by the blizzard, began to get back into the swing of things by the weekend. Fishing showed gradual signs of improvement and all skippers were optimistic that the forecast for the early part of the week, sunny with 60° temperatures, would put the fishing back where it left off. Some of the best fishing of the year occurred just prior to the storm and there is no reason to doubt a return to the same solid action.

Among those contributing some encouraging signs were Captain Marty of the Jib VII who labelled Saturday's action as fairly good. Mustafa Daali of Jamaica was high hook with 26 fish. Aboard the Jib VI on Friday, seven fares accounted for 150 flounder.

Captain Richie Abrams of the Capt. Whittaker said most fares averaged 5-10 fish apiece over the weekend. A 6-10 degree chop in water temperature made the fish sluggish which resulted in lots of "nibbles, but not too many fish." Fishing was done down at Sailor's Haven.

Over in the Babylon area, reports were basically the same with Capt Jack Staddard of the Babylon Captains Association telling of a 120 fish catch for 15 fares aboard the Pooka V on Saturday. Fishing was done in the State Cahnnel between the Babylon Cut and Amith Cut with mussels and worms. The skipper ran his charter boat Luci II down to buoy 4-Heckscher on Saturday and picked away at good size fish. The Association boat Tilichi is just being finished up and will be ready to sail any day now.

Ski Kochanski of Augies Bait and Tackle had a catch of 18 flounder to report for Ray Baucher and Al Gibbons. The pair fished Sailors Haven and topped their catch with a 2 1/2 pounder. Ski had 8 "big" flatties himself on Sunday at buoy 19.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

George Perez stopped by Jona's Bait and Tackle in Copiague to show a catch of 48 flounder to 2 pounds made at Squaw Island on Saturday. He used bloodworms and mussel chum.

Fishing out of Pop's Fishing Station in Seaford on Saturday, Phil Freidler, Rich Pate, Mack Cartwright and T. Tico put away 65 flounder up to 2 pounds in Massapequa Cove. John, of Pop's Fishing Station told of good catches also made at Squaw Island.

Art Wright of Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station also in Seaford had 1 boat return with a catch of 35 fish on Saturday from Massapequa Cove. Sunday was lost to Easter.

Some good size fish were taken in the vicinity of the Merrick Golf Course, Nick's Point and Squaw Island. Quantity was lacking according to Scott of Merrick Tackle but he was quick to add that some mild

weather would remedy the situation.

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

West End Bays/Inlets

Lowered water temps caused by the snow's melt-off dropped the scores somewhat on the flatfish, but nonetheless those who stayed at the rail and put in the effort, found enough fish to make it worth their while. Soft baits continue to be best while the fishes' mouths are still tender and lots of chum remains a key factor. **Hudson Point Fishing Station** tells of Paul Bardenhagen of Bethpage and pal Charlie Welch who took 47 flounder in Baldwin Bay resulting in 25 lbs. of fillet. Ronnie tells us that the recent Hudson Anglers/Tournament Anglers interclub flounder derby was held in wind and rain, with 34 anglers competing for trophies and prizes. Hudson Anglers were triumphant with Dick Bolisandro, Paul Murray and Bill Burns taking the top honors. Hudson Anglers also took the club trophy for the 3 largest fish, totalling 4 lbs. 10½ oz. in weight. The **Capt. Gary** tells us he will be running open boat for flounder April 18th at 8AM. See ad for details. The **Capt. Lou III** averaged 10-30 flounder a man Saturday, with 12-yr.-old Joe Solomon bagging 30 keepers himself. The **Capt. Lou IV**, on its two half-day trips has been averaging high hooks in the 20s, with a typical catch of 6 fish a man. Aboard Captain Richie's **Starstream II** out of Freeport, Saturday's deep water cod wreck trip accounted for 250 cod for 38 passengers, with most of the fish medium and a few animals taken. The cod pool was won by Pedro Loran from Sunnyside,



Jack Atwell, owner of Sportsman's Cafe on Woodcleft Canal, with a pair of 52 lb. cod. Jack and Larry Powell enjoyed a banner day with big cod while on a late March wreck trip aboard the Freeport open boat, "Starstream II."

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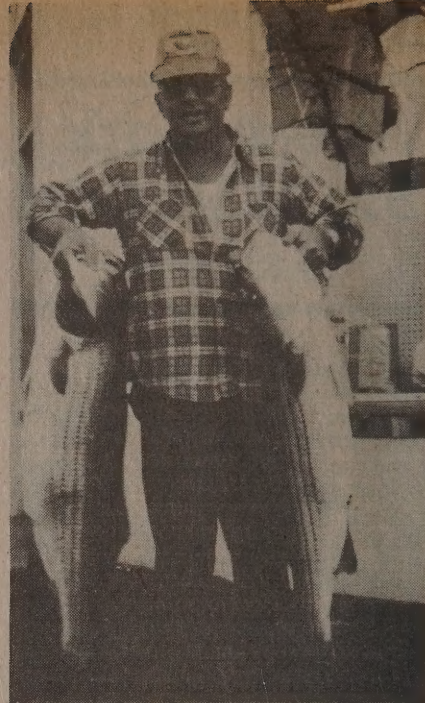
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Queens with a 57 lb. cod. The pollack pool went to Chris Lacapria, Sheepshead Bay with a 32 lber. This would indicate that the cod fishing is still holding strong off the Island's south shore.

The weekend showed an improvement over the past few weekends flounder fishing, said Captain Sy Carlin of the Blue Fin Fleet. Sy worked the inlet and back bays and called incoming water and high slack the best this week. On Sunday's trip, Ted Reisner and Larry Sanger of Valley Stream F.C. tied for the pool with 1 1/4 lbers. In just two hours, 11 people had 68 keeper flatties. Fish are mostly males and are hitting worm and mussel. Freeport's Capt. Andy has been picking away at a few fish, but of nice size and says that he looks forward to a very good weekend coming up with the water temperatures sure to rise by that time. The Miss Freeport II and the Super Spray II have been picking away and pass along the information that the fish are definitely around and should give anglers hot action once we get a couple of somewhat warm and calm days back to back. Just back from vacation and now open for the season is Lou Stalker of Lou's Fishing Station at the foot of Woodcleft Canal and Lou passes on the info that Friday saw good flounder catches on an incoming tide in Jones Inlet around buoys 6 and 8 for both the private boats and party boats. Generally there was a slow pick to be had due to the chilly water with best action at the inlet, Baldwin Bay and Freeport Creek.

Over at Pt. Lookout, Ed's Fishing Station on Reynolds Channel reports some activity Saturday and Sunday

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with fish caught up to 2 lbs. with 3 hours on either side of the high best. Best action was in the flats and at buoy 16, Reynolds Channel. Fundy Bay also produced with worms and mussels working best and chumming a must. Catches were approximately 8-12 flatties per skiff and by the end of the week, if the weather stays moderate catches should be really humming.

The area across from Long Beach high school has been producing flatties, reports Al at Reynolds Reef Fishing Station in Atlantic Beach. Also, Beach 17th St. at Deb's Inlet and at Magnolia Pier have been fishy. Mussels have been the best bait. Seventeen flounder up to 1¾ lbs. were caught at the cement block Saturday by Jim Phalan and Erik Thomas, reports Long Beach Sports Marina in Long Beach. This was in one of the 3 boats they put out on Saturday. Bloodworms was the bait and mussels was the chum on the last of the ebb. Thomas Williamson had 12 nice flounder for himself while surfcasting with sand worms off the beach at Malibu Beach Club.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Captain Clem of the Commodore noted a big improvement in Saturday's catch. Clem says there are fish all around, that he's catching a few at every drop. Buoy 8 at Jones Inlet and also Garrett Lead were producers. Fish were from ¾ to 2 lbs. with mussels best followed by clam and worms. Incoming has been best at the inlet and outgoing best in the bays. Higher water temps by the end of the week should equal solid catches. The Jamaica Bay fishing Station J-Bay Boat Rentals tells of some fish caught Saturday in the small canals, but these were fish of decent sizes. Try Mott Basin, and Inwood Cut area with bloodworms and mussel chum. John at Cross Bay Bait & Tackle, just a worm's wiggle north of the north channel bridge emphasizes strongly



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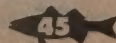
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that the flounder are still around and being caught everyday by anglers fishing from both the north channel and south channel bridges. He has seen a lot of 1 1/2 lb. class fish brought in and they're hitting on both tides.

Over in Sheepshead Bay Captain Tommie of the **Pilot II** also talked of melting snow and low water temps and mediocre flounder catches. He said they should be bouncing back again by the weekend, but that it is now time for him to switch over to blackfishing, which is this skipper's super specialty. Sailing time is 6AM daily and there are green crabs and clams aboard.

An excellent Sunday of flounder fishing was reported by Captain Kevin aboard the **Dorothy B** with flounder taken up to 2 lbs. at some of his Jersey hotspots. High hook Sunday was 31 flatties, all 1-2 lb. fish on worms and mussels. The catches were best around the top of the tide. The skipper says Friday's action was red hot with high hook 55 fish. Saturday was a lot slower with the cold water runoff. "Flounder and blacks" said Neil of **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** with flounder off the jetty and Manhattan Beach. Good size fish on worm and mussel bait. The blackfishing is starting on the party boats said Neil and it looks like a good season coming.

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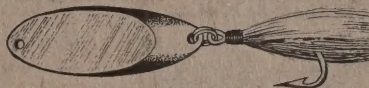
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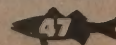
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North Shore Report

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WESTERN SOUND

With the exception of reports from the City Island fleet on Sunday which seemed to be sailing up to Northport, news was meagre and hardly encouraging. Flounder action had dropped off in inshore waters, a consequence of the blizzard and the run of cold windy weather.

New Rochelle reports centered around flounder fishing attempts in Hudson Park, and Glen Island areas. John's Gun & Tackle said that the fresh water fishing upstate had also suffered due to high waters and snow melt.

John DeCuffa at Jack's Bait & Tackle expected to have rental boats out this week, now that the snow has melted off. A few anglers area floundering in the lagoons, but the

best of the angling seems to be in the party boat fleet. The Ebb Tide pool was taken on Saturday by a 1¾ lb. flounder, and Ed Heilemann reported that he had no trouble finding the fish in Northport over the weekend in 20' of water. Most fishermen had their fill of keepers above ¾. Dom Cerbone of the Apache said that good anglers had no trouble picking up 30 fish or more



Kevin Kirnane used a TriFin eel worm to take this 10 lb. weak out of the Lloyd's Point surf last season. Fish was weighed at Four Winds Bait & Tackle in Huntington.

to take home, although the ratio of throwbacks to keepers was about 3:1. The wind made it tough to feel the fish on Saturday, but Sunday was a good day with a steady pick. Biggest problem was getting the fishermen out. Cerbone missed most of the week and carried 30 on Saturday, 10 on Easter Sunday.

Dave Watt and John Casciola at the Glen Cove Sport Shop spent most of the week watching their sandworms grow and building rods during the snowstorm. On the Mill Pond in Oyster Bay, there was a rumor that the recently stocked trout were rising regularly.

The Lady Lil II from Glen Cove made 25 drops on Saturday off Matinnicock Point, Oak Neck and inside Oyster Bay around Center Island in water ranging from 5' to 40'. Joe Fink managed a few flatfish at the 15' depth with a high hook total of 11. A search with a skiff on Sunday found only a few fish up on the flats.

North Shore/Middle Island

Most reports from this zone indicated that the severe weather had disturbed the flounder fishing badly, and that it would take a few warm, calm days to settle the flatties down



Kerry Stiven displays her dad's first striper ever. Walter took the bass while on a bluefish trip at Eaton's Neck aboard the "Ever Ready."

again.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** spoke of small stuff off Duck Island and Lloyd Harbor on Saturday and said that nobody had gotten out off the Neck. Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop and Tackle** saw a few trailers unloading boats on Easter Sunday, but there was nothing breaking loose outside. There may be some decent flounder east of the Power Plant, according to Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport. The key area is Waterside Park next to Crab Meadow. The Lilo plant has gone through a slow, erratic spring on the bass fishing.

An exceptional report was filed by the **Speedy VII** from Huntington. Skipper Nick Manzari went up to the Oyster Beds, Crescent Beach, and Sand City and scored on Sunday with catches of 30 to 50 keepers per fare. Sunday's angling was an improvement over Saturday's, and the flatties were in some 20' of water.

Action up in Port Jefferson and Setauket Harbor was off on Saturday with a few fish cooperating in 10-12' of water. The fish in the 25-30' holes were finicky, and the high hook on the **Aqua Gem** from Port Jefferson picked some 15 fish. John Fisher felt that the

charge of cold water in that area had had a noticeable effect on the flounder.

Mount Sinai and Port Jefferson Boat Stations were not open and not reporting on Easter Sunday afternoon.

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

Discouraging reports came from the North Fork following a brutal week of wind and cold. Even the experts who fished on Saturday did poorly by their usual standards, and there were no boats or stations reporting action on Easter Sunday.



Miriam Klein displays her biggest fish ever! The 6 lb. fluke was taken last summer inside Shinnecock Inlet on a sand eel and squid combo. Subscriber photo.

Advice from **Warren's** was to try the Aquebogue Canal and to stay with the Bay. The Sound was still cold. However, Jerry McGrath expects 4 charters on the **Nostalgia II** out of Mattituck Inlet this week and will be giving the zone off the Motel a shot as well as the hill west of the inlet. McGrath had some sparse reports from the Shoreham area as well. Anglers are reminded that the flounder run in the Mattituck area can run until mid-May or later.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** in New Suffolk explained that Bill Muller had bucked the odds off Nassau Point with 11 nice-sized fish on Saturday. Bad weather forecasts and the preceding cold weather knocked out business

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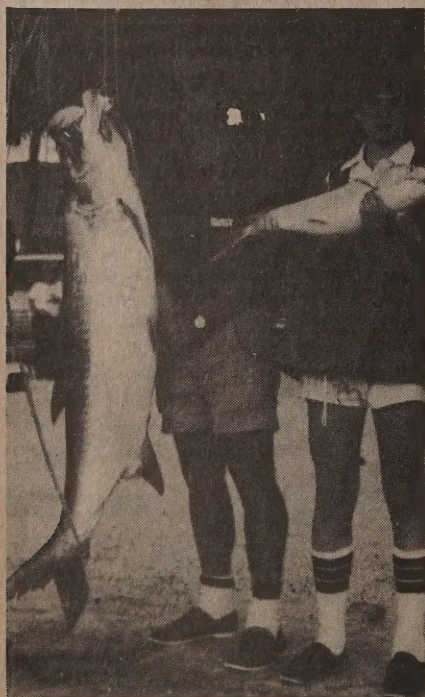
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completely on Easter Sunday, even though the Bay smoothed out nicely in the morning.

Art White shut the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport on Sunday morning after a tough day on Saturday. Due to the storm and the cold weather none of the big boats produced well. The **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star** did poorly and even Richie Jensen on the **Nancy Ann** had very few fish.

South Fork Report

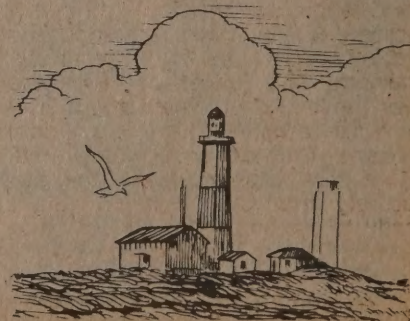
by Stu Miller

This area saw the quantity of fish caught on the weekend drop, due to the cold melt-off of the snow, but nonetheless, some fish were caught out of **Bay View Fishing Station** in Sag Harbor. Best areas have been Gibsons and the buoy 14 area have been best prior to the storm and on Saturday. Chris expects catches to be excellent by the weekend since the warm weather seems to have finally arrived.

Twelve good flounder was the result of efforts by Bill Fales, Paul Panik and Dennis Kennedy, fishing

out of **Noyac Marina**, Noyac, on Saturday. The larger fish were taken at Jessup's Neck and the smaller ones at Smiths Cove on worms and lots of chum.

A 3 lb. 10 oz. flounder which was 21" long, was caught by John Dertinger of East Meadow, reports **Speck's Tackle** in Southampton. John and three friends totalled 19 flatties fishing Promised Land and the fish ranged from John's monster down to 1 1/2 lbs. on Saturday using mussels as hook bait and mussel chum. Shinneck Canal was rated okay on the weekend but due to dropping water temps, catches were not super abundant. By the end of this week, Noyac, Jessup's Neck and Heddy Creek should really be jumping if the weather stays warm.



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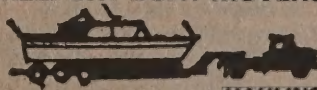
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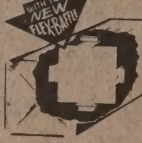
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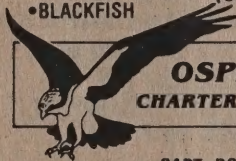
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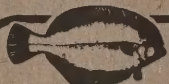
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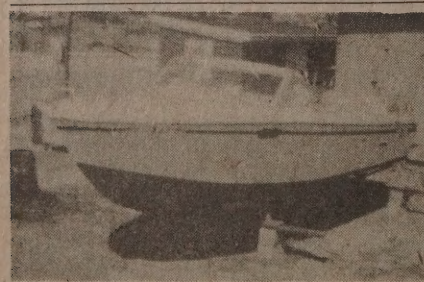
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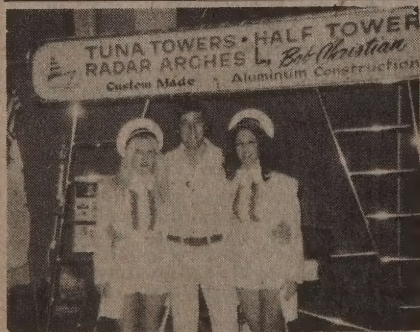
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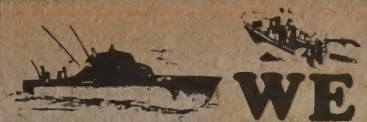
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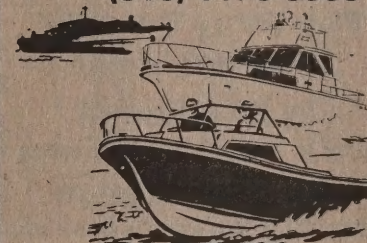
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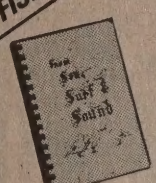
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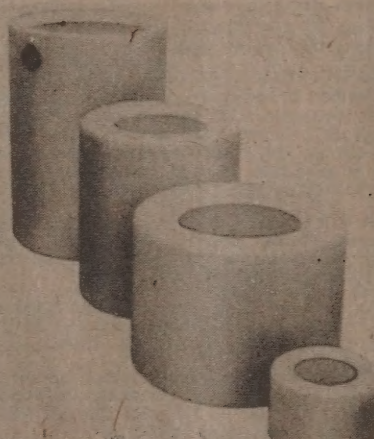
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DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:40	12:40	1:25	1:55	2:45	3:20	4:00	3:40	4:15	12:15	12:50	4/15
FRI.	12:50	1:25	1:55	2:40	1:30	2:20	2:55	3:45	4:10	4:55	4:35	5:10	1:10	1:50	4/16
SAT.	1:50	2:30	3:00	3:40	2:25	3:20	3:50	4:40	5:05	6:00	5:30	6:05	2:10	2:50	4/17
SUN.	2:55	3:35	4:00	4:35	3:30	4:25	4:50	5:30	6:10	7:05	6:25	7:00	3:10	3:40	4/18
MON.	4:00	4:35	4:55	5:25	4:40	5:15	5:40	6:15	7:10	7:55	7:20	7:50	4:05	4:30	4/19
TUE.	4:55	5:25	5:45	6:10	5:30	6:00	6:30	6:55	8:10	8:35	8:10	8:35	4:50	5:20	4/20
WED.	5:45	6:10	6:30	6:55	6:20	6:45	7:15	7:35	8:55	9:15	9:00	9:20	5:40	6:00	4/21
THUR.	6:30	6:50	7:15	7:35	7:05	7:25	7:55	8:15	9:45	10:00	9:45	10:05	6:25	6:45	4/22

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	-0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	-0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Gl. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rehoboth Beach	-0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 00

Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	-0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	-0 08
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 13
Sachem Head	-0 10
Brantford Harbor	-0 07
New Haven Harbor	-0 08
Millford Harbor	-0 07
Strafford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	-0 03
Saugatuck River	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point	-1 13
Miantic	+1 20
Stonington	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	-0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10

Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
David's Island	-0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	-0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beaverfall Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Harbor	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

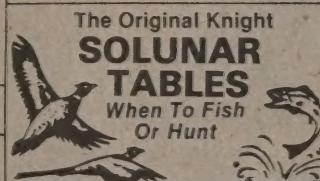
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4/17	5:17	6:44
4/18	5:15	6:45
4/19	5:14	6:46
4/20	5:12	6:47
4/21	5:11	6:48
4/22	5:10	6:49

Moonrise/Moonset

4/16	1:21AM	10:58AM
4/17	2:04AM	11:56AM
4/18	2:42AM	12:57PM
4/19	3:16AM	2:00PM
4/20	3:48AM	3:06PM
4/21	4:19AM	4:14PM
4/22	4:49AM	5:24PM

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NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
			
4/23	4/1	4/8	4/16



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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1 1/2 to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	10:20	4:10	10:50	4:35
Fri.	11:10	5:00	11:40	5:25
Sat.	—	5:50	12:05	6:10
Sun.	12:25	6:30	12:40	6:45
Mon.	1:10	7:15	1:25	7:40
Tues.	1:55	8:00	2:10	8:25
Wed.	2:40	8:45	2:55	9:10
Thurs.	3:25	9:30	3:40	9:55

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1028 8 1/2" x 27"		29.25		22.65
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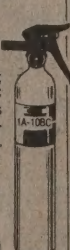
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9	16.05	7.09	21.80	13.03	17.20	10.86
10	16.75	7.39	22.30	13.36	17.65	11.11
11	17.45	7.69	22.85	13.69	18.00	11.36
12	18.50	7.99	23.35	14.03	18.45	11.61
13	19.55	8.29	23.90	14.36	18.80	11.86
14	20.15	8.59	24.40	14.70	19.15	12.11
15	21.10	8.89	24.95	15.03	19.60	12.36
16	22.05	9.19	25.45	15.36	19.95	12.61
17	23.00	9.49	26.00	15.70	20.35	12.86
18	23.85	9.89	26.50	16.03	20.75	13.11
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